



San Antonio, Texas

March 2023

Birds Of A Feather



2003 Ford Thunderbird with U.S. Air Force Thunderbird Jets

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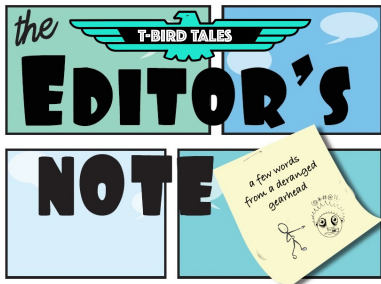
Presidents Message for March 2023

I am very pleased to announce that we have a new STTC Newsletter Editor! Kudos to Bruce Reader in informing me that he was the Newsletter Editor and Technical Editor of many years for the company he worked for prior to his retirement. He has a lot of experience in this field that he brings to us as our STTC Newsletter Editor. Bruce and I had many discussions recently regarding his vision as to what our Newsletter can look like. He has presented many different ideas, concepts and examples regarding it. We are in agreement regarding the format and style that he has in mind. His first edition will be this March Newsletter. I hope you enjoy it!

I believe the STTC Membership made a wise decision in establishing the Activities Committee. It relieves the President of having to do all the planning of STTC activities and puts it into the hands of a dedicated group of STTC members. With the recent expansion of the Committee, it allows more STTC membership to become involved in the decision-making process of what the Membership would like to do each month. It still allows the President and every STTC member to provide input into the Committee. The Committee has acted on your input to plan our activities through the first five months of this year. All of you are encouraged to continue doing so. The Committee will meet again in March to establish the June-September STTC Activities with October, (November no Meetings) and December already scheduled.

Best Regards

Ray Clark, STTC President



Editor's Chinwag

I am often reminded of that saying, “No Good Deed Goes Unpunished”. Well not sure what I have got myself into but it would not be the first time I have stepped into the unknown. **The “Vortex Of Chaos”.**

So gonna give this gig a whirl, throw stuff up against the wall see what sticks. Hopefully along the way we can make this a little entertaining as sometimes we take ourselves too seriously.

Now that I have retired, no job or HR to answer to or the corporate mumbo jumbo, with winged monkeys circling, dumpster fires, no telling what I may do. Only boss I have is my wife Linda. I am now a manager of “one” – me.

Any rate, I am committed to producing a quality newsletter the club will appreciate given the limited capabilities I possess. A daunting task to say the least considering the excellent work by the club's previous editors. Every edition will be a learning experience and hopefully leads to improvement at each release.

Cheers,
Bruce



*Have
You
Got a
Story
to Tell?*

Still asking all members to write up a story, about their Thunderbird, with pictures. Tell us how you acquired your car, why it is special and what you enjoy doing with your Thunderbird. First, it will be placed on the website under “Featured Club Story” and then moved to “Club Members Stories” under News when another member's story is featured. Can't wait to read and share everyone's story!





Birthdays & Anniversaries

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

NO MARCH BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARY



Jerry & Barbara C 3/04

Jack & Nellie W 3/16

Walt & Pocahontas C 3/31



March Zodiac Sign

There are (2) Zodiac Signs that encompass the month of February.

They are

PISCES (February 19 – March 20)

ARIES (March 21 – April 19)



PISCES

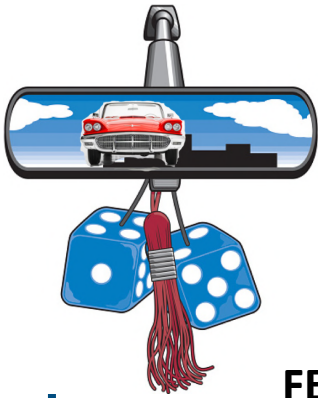


ARIES

SUNDAY
MARCH 12TH



March Birthstone
Aquamarine



The Rear View

February Review

FEBRUARY 25TH STTC SOCIAL MEETING!

19 members of the South Texas Thunderbird Club met on Saturday, 11am at Longhorn Steakhouse, Loop 410 & San Pedro Avenue for lunch and some fun time spent together. Our last STTC gathering was a Business Meeting so this gave us the opportunity to enjoy the company of each other and catch up with what is going on in our day-to-day lives. I am told the food was great and the conversations greater.

Your Prez!



The "Prez"
FLOCK WATCHING



Stan & Danny Talking Tech



Hey Pardner-Think you are in the wrong corral!



A Good Old Fashioned Chinwag!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

STTC Schedule of Events

March 18th, 2023, 09:00am. Note the date and the time! Social Meeting & Wildflower Cruise to Floresville to join the Car Show that STTC Member Alan Carvajal supports. You can also visit the restaurant of your choice. Food and drinks are not provided this year. If no Wildflowers we will make this short cruise anyway. Alan told me IH-37 to Hwy 97 to Floresville in past years has had excellent fields of Wildflowers to enjoy. Meeting place for San Antonio members will be the QT Gas Station south of Loop 1604SE & IH-37 Frontage Rd, 4142 S Loop 1604 E, 78264, Phone # 210-890-7710 Note meeting time and location change as indicated above.

April 22nd, 2023, 10am-11am. Sodalis Senior Living facility Car Show.

Note time change.. It has been quite some years since we have done this! Here is a chance to show off our Tbirds to Seniors who in the past may have owned one! Contact is Gary Faught.

Sodalis Senior Living facility
19095 FM 2252, Garden Ridge, TX 78266
Phone: (210) 651-6377

<https://sodalissenior.com/garden-ridge/#1657561025209-190bb9a8-1285>

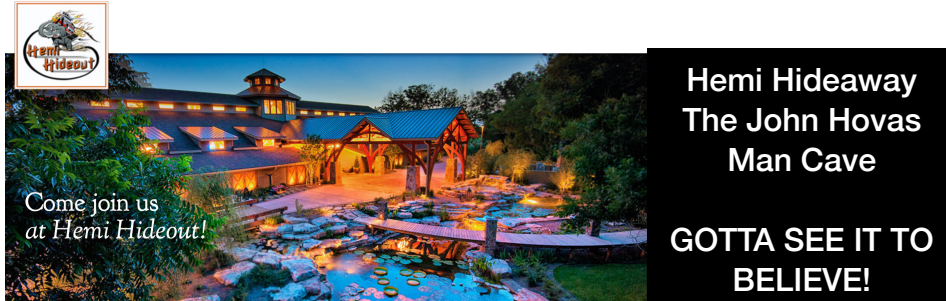
Lunch after 11am Senior Living Tbird Display to be at Danny & Kathy Varella's Potluck Lunch with each attending member bringing their favorite food and drinks. Danny will provide us with the information to their gated community. He is also going to notify his community of a Tbird car show at his Home.

August 16th-19th VTCI International 2023 Convention. Location: Cartersville, GA. More information as VTCI provides it.

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October 21st, - Saturday Cruise to John Hovas Hideout in Brookshire, Texas. 12 Texas surrounding area Tbird Clubs have been invited to join us this year to tour the fabulous Hideout. Last year we had 6 Tbird Clubs and about 250 Tbird owners attend. We hope to double that this year! We picked October for cooler weather and less other activities to compete with. Tbird Clubs were alerted to this cruise last year to allow them to schedule it in advance. More details upcoming. The Website link below shows some of last years activities. Click on the Hemi Hideout link indicated to see pictures and additional information. <https://southtexasthunderbirdclub.com/>



November - No Scheduled Events - Due to Thanksgiving



December - Annual STTC Christmas Party-Location and Date TBD



HILL COUNTRY CRUISE-INS

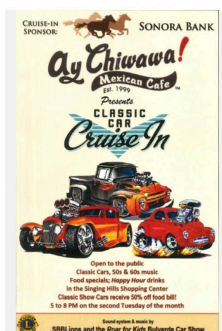
★ TEXAS ★
- THE LONE STAR STATE -

DISCLAIMER: Always always always visit the show sponsor's web site to verify dates and details!



🐰 Lucky Rabbit Car Show –

FIRST Saturday of each month.
Live music, drinks, food & free admission. All cars are welcome.
18626 RM 1431, Jonestown, TX



🐰 AY Chihuahua Classic Car Cruise-In –

Ay Chihuahua Mexican Café,
403 Singing Oaks, Bulverde, TX

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Recurring: An event every month that begins at 5:00 pm on the second Tuesday of the month



🐰 Round Rock Car Show –

Old Settlers Park Tennis Courts,
2008 Harrell Pkwy, Round Rock, Tx. The Round Rock Police Officers Association and The City of Round Rock are pleased to Host the return of this popular show, it is family friendly.

More Info: <https://www.facebook.com/TheRoundRockCarShow>



Events That May Interest You



Armed Forces Day Parade



Armed Forces Day Parade

Saturday, May 21, 2022

10:00 am, with parade staging taking place at 9:00 am.



The City of Live Oak has graciously extended an invitation to the STTC and its members to join their Armed Forces Day Parade this year. To join the parade requires requesting an application from **Courtney Weese at (210 653-9140 ext. 2235 or email cweese@liveoaktx.net**. Additional information will be provided in a separate communication specifically related to this event. You may be interested in attending as a spectator.



Each year in April, CarFest SA unites 25 Auto Repair shops across the greater San Antonio area to give out 10 donated cars and repair 25 cars for charity. The repairs and giveaways culminated in our three-day event also include live music, food trucks, drinks, and family activities, such as: Gelly Ball, New Driver Workshop & Jeopardy, BBQ Cook-off, Cars on Display, Food Truck Competition & a Friday Night Lights Cruise-In.

CarFest SA is a non-profit festival is presented by The Community of Automotive Professionals (CAP, a 501C3). Our mission is to unite the automotive industry to provide our community with charitable and educational services.

Location:

Freeman Coliseum - Expo Hall 3201 E Houston St, San Antonio, TX 78219



7th Annual Thunderbird Appreciation Day May 21st, 2023

It's time for our Thunderbirds to spread their wings and for us to celebrate our "Unique In All The World" cars!

Get together with fellow club members or take a solo flight. Take your car to the grocery store, to the local burger stand, meet up with another T-Birder at a park for a picnic or cruise with others...maybe even take it to the discotheque! Use your Thunderbirds like folks did when they were brand new. Let everyone see why we love our Thunderbirds!

And be sure to share photos of the day on any Thunderbird forum or groups like the CTCI or VTCI Facebook pages!





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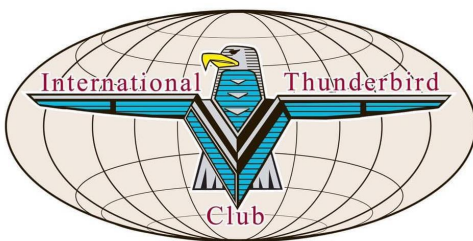
ITC Thunderbird Reunion

Ford World Headquarters

Aug. 22-27, 2023

For further information contact

Gerard "Bart" Bartasavich, ITC President





TECH TIP OF THE MONTH



TIPS FOR GOING TOPLESS

With Spring upon us and Summer fast approaching, the desire to remove the Winter hardtop on our Thunderbirds and raise the soft top becomes more and more tempting. Utilizing the soft top always gives us more options for the upcoming warm sunny days.

Here are a few suggestions for waking that soft top from its Winter's nap.

1. Remove the hard top. This is a two-person job. DO NOT try it alone unless you have a hoist.
2. Pick a warm, sunny day. (Preferably 70-80 degrees.)
3. Place the car in the sun and raise the top to where it will sit relaxed on top of the car. DO NOT latch at this time.
4. Let the top sit in the sun for 3-4 hours to really warm up. (This warm-up period will allow the material to stretch properly which will ultimately prolong the life of the top.)
5. When top is nice and warm, follow proper latching procedure.
6. Clean top with a damp cloth or soft bristled brush. (A clean top is a happy top)
7. This procedure should be used before latching any soft top that has been sitting in the boot for an extended period of time. Now that you've properly stretched the top, it should be ready to put up or down for the rest of the Summer.



MARKETPLACE

In The Market / On The Market

Jay Tartell, San Antonio has a 2002 Yellow Retrobird for sale. He has owned it for many years. It has 110,000 miles on it. He has a lot of new parts on it, AC, Brakes, PS Pump, Alternator, Hard Boot Yellow Cover. It is accident free and he has all the maintenance records on the Tbird. Details on the Tbird are available.

Call him for further details at
210-478-0560

if you have a serious interest in it.

On The Market



On The Market



Samantha Mahler recently contacted me regarding Tbird parts she has for sale. She is not a member of this Club, but I am assisting her in disposing of these parts after the Passing of Her Father. She will be reviewing these parts shortly to determine which might be NOS and which look to be Used.

"Hi there! My name is Samantha. My Father recently passed away and left behind a collection of vintage car parts, mostly for his '55-'63 Tbirds. He had sold his cars a few years back but still had these parts. I am looking to sell these car parts either as a whole or individually. I'm based in Houston, and am willing to meet with anyone who is interested in buying the Lot of these parts. Respond via this email: mahlersamantha@gmail.com or you can call or text me at 361-455-2397. Thank you! Samantha Mahler"

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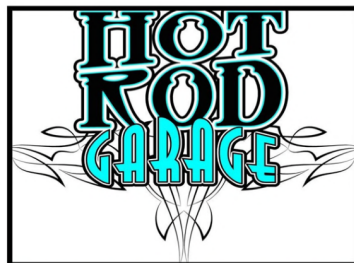
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PARTS / SERVICE



List of Dealers for Parts

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- ▼ Rock Auto www.rockauto.com
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Van Nuys, CA, 818-785-8085
Service@Hitechserv.com
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- ▼ Rick Monroe "Straightnshinybygolly" Chrome Straightening & Polishing
Phone: (210) 584-5856. Email: mongooserpm@gmail.com





SOUNDTRACK OF THE TIMES

Fun, Fun, Fun

by The Beach Boys

(Released 1964; Peaked at #5)

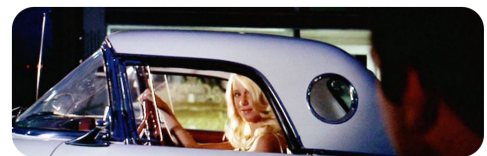
Well she got her daddy's car
And she cruised through the hamburger stand now
Seems she forgot all about the library
Like she told her old man now
And with the radio blasting
Goes cruising just as fast as she can now
And she'll have fun fun fun
'Til her daddy takes the T-bird away
(Fun fun fun 'til her daddy takes the T-bird away)



Well the girls can't stand her
'Cause she walks, looks and drives like an ace now
(You walk like an ace now, you walk like an ace)
She makes the Indy 500 look like a Roman chariot race now
(You look like an ace now, you look like an ace)
A lotta guys try to catch her
But she leads them on a wild goose chase now
(You drive like an ace now, you drive like an ace)
And she'll have fun fun fun
'Til her daddy takes the T-bird away
(Fun fun fun 'til her daddy takes the T-bird away)



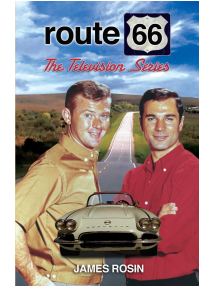
Well you knew all along
That your dad was gettin' wise to you now
(You shouldn't have lied now, you shouldn't have lied)
And since he took your set of keys
You've been thinking that your fun is all
through now
(You shouldn't have lied now, you
shouldn't have lied)
But you can come along with me
'Cause we gotta a lot of things to do now
(You shouldn't have lied now, you shouldn't have lied)
And we'll have fun fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away
(Fun fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away)
And you'll have fun fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away
(Fun fun fun now that daddy took the T-bird away)





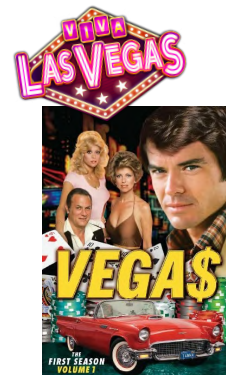
Remember TV Car Stars!

I grew up watching shows like Route 66 and the adventures of Buzz and Todd in their Corvette. The show ran from 1960 through 1964 comprising of 116 episodes. I loved the theme song by Nelson Riddle.



Least we not forget the "Red Tomato" of Starsky & Hutch and their adventures with the Ford Torino. That show ran from 1975 through 1979 comprising 93 episodes. Theme song was done by Lalo Schifirin who by the way did the theme song for tv series Mission Impossible.

Then came - Vegas (Dan Tanna) as a private investigator with his red Thunderbird convertible. Just the right car for "Vegas". His office and living space was a warehouse where he parked the car. I loved the set up. The theme song was done by Dominic Fronterie who was the husband of Georgia Fronterie the owner of the LA Rams.



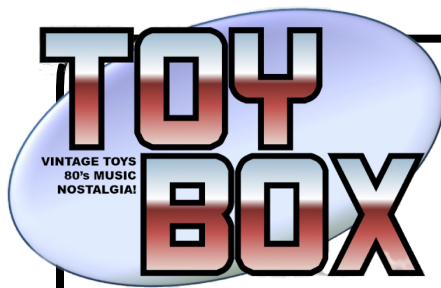
Vegas Thunderbird

Route 66 Corvette



Starsky-Hutch Torino





Who Says Toys Are For Kids





About South Texas Thunderbird Club

San Antonio Texas Thunderbird Club (STTC) Inc. has been in existence for 44 years 1979-2023. STTC is a family-oriented organization with the goal of enjoying, having fun and preserving our Thunderbirds among friends and elevating the interest of these beautiful cars within our community. Our annual membership is \$20.00 and prorated throughout the year for new members. These dues entitle members to a club roster and the club's monthly newsletter. Most importantly membership provides the opportunity to contribute and participate in Regional/International Conventions. Dues are due on January 1st and no later than January 31st.

We welcome all Thunderbirds from 1955-2005



Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI)



South Texas Thunderbird Club Inc. (STTC) is a chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International. This organization is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all Ford Thunderbirds 1955 - 2005. If you are not a member of VTCI and would like to join, you can go to VTCI's website at

www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

download an application form, include fee and mail it to

VTCI

P.O. Box 75308

Wichita, KS 67275

– or –

fill it out online.

– or –

You can join through our website

www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com

if you prefer.

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Websites
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Membership Application

www.SouthTexasThunderbirdClub.com

South Texas Thunderbird Club (STTC), located in San Antonio, Texas, is a local chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI)

- STTC dues are \$20.00 per year, prorated at \$2 per month
- VTCI dues are \$40.00. You can apply on their website: www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

Member info: your name: _____ birthday: _____
first / last month / day
spouse's name: _____ birthday: _____
first / last month / day
anniversary date: _____ VTCI #: _____
if currently a member
address: _____
street city st zip
telephone: hm (_____) _____ - _____ cell (_____) _____ - _____
email: _____

T-birds owned: year: _____ model: _____
year: _____ model: _____
year: _____ model: _____

Waiver And Release From Liability

As a member of the South Texas Thunderbird Club (STTC), I am solely responsible for any damage or injury to third parties, or to myself resulting from anything connected with STTC Club activities. I agree to indemnify and hold STTC Club, and Officers harmless for, or in any claim, loss, damage, injury, or liability, that may be asserted by me, or by any third party as a result of my activity. The foregoing covenants of exculpation and indemnity are intended to be and are complete, general and without restriction and include, but are not limited to, negligence (active or passive) or willful reckless or wanton activity. I further warrant that I carry automobile liability insurance on the vehicle, meeting or exceeding all Texas statutory requirements and that this insurance will be in force and effect for all STTC activities in which I participate. This release will be active for all STTC Club activities/events in which I participate.

member's signature: _____ date: _____

spouse's signature: _____ date: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SOUTH TEXAS THUNDERBIRD CLUB

mail application (with check) to: Danny Varella
27302 Park Loop Road
New Braunfels, TX 78132

for more club info, please contact:
Ray Clark rayclark07@att.net (210) 875-1411



revised 11.28.22

VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / PROVINCE _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: _____

YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____

*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

| | US and Canada |
|---------------------|------------------|
| January / February | \$40.00 |
| March / April | \$35.00 |
| May / June | \$30.00 |
| July / August | \$25.00 |
| September / October | \$55.00 |
| November / December | \$50.00 |

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Countries

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