



San Antonio, Texas



JUNE 2023

Something About Dads and Cars . . .



18 Year Old Buys His Dad Dream Car - 1966 Ford Thunderbird

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Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.



Presidents Message for June 2023

As we approach the hottest days of the year the Activities Committee has taken action to schedule our activities to be held in the immediate areas around us instead of long cruises. Case in point is the upcoming short cruise to New Braunfels on Saturday, 11am June 24th to visit Gateway Classic Cars. Another is Saturday, 10AM-1130am (note the time!) July 22nd, Jordan Ford Conference Room for a Business & Social meeting. Another is our intown cruise to Stinson Field, 11am Saturday, August 26th, for lunch and an optional opportunity to visit their museum. Then as we approach the Fall, Danny & Kathy Varella have offered to open their fantastic Home for a Potluck lunch again! The date is September 23rd (4th Saturday) with a possible back up date of September 30th, (5th Saturday) should rain interfere with the 4th Saturday. It also been suggested that we do another car show at a different Assisted Living Facility somewhere in the area of their home prior to our Potluck. The Activities Committee is working on this, along with selecting a Restaurant to have lunch at after our Gateway Class Cars event in June. They will also be considering the scheduling of future STTC Activities around weekends that are National or Local Holidays.

Since Memorial Day, along with High School and University graduations had an impact on our proposed Cruise to Fredericksburg, a decision was made to have a Social Luncheon at Little Italy Restaurant off West Avenue, instead of the Cruise, for those who were free to attend. There was another reason for doing this and it was to check out the Restaurant as a possible location for our Christmas Party in December. VP Stan Andrews/Activities Committee had determined that Little Italy would be worthwhile considering. Several members have eaten there before a number of times and had vouched for the location, service, food, menu and their private dining room. 11 Club members attended the social and were able to check out the above. With no complaints voiced a decision was made, after talking with their Manager. We will hold our Christmas Party in their large private dining room on Saturday, December 9th at Noon. More details regarding this will be forthcoming at our Business meeting in July. We now have each remaining Month of this Year scheduled with STTC Activities!

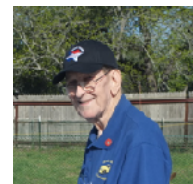
Stay Safe and see Ya at Gateway Classic Cars! Remember, they will Donate \$10 to the Club for every CAR that shows up! Not every Tbird, so if it is not drivable, come in your daily driver!

See the Website for more details.

<https://southtexasthunderbirdclub.com/>

Best Regards,

Ray Clark, STTC President





Birthdays & Anniversaries

J U N E

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Yadis	6/8
Jeanne Brown	6/10
Olga Andrews	6/15
Carol Brown	6/30
Barb McDonald	6/24



ANNIVERSARY

Denise & Tex L	6/11
Gary & Carolyn F	6/13
Ron & Peggy F	6/17



June 6, 1925 –
Chrysler Corporation is founded



June 18, 2023

June Zodiac Sign

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

GEMINI (May 21 – June 20)
CANCER (June 21 - July 22)



TAURUS



GEMINI

June Birthstones



Pearls, Alexandrite, and
Moonstone

June Birthstone
Emerald



In the SPOT LIGHT



KUDOS to Krista & JB for entering their 64 Thunderbird in the Pioneer Wings & Wheels Fly in on May 6, 2023. They took home the "People's Choice Award".

Krista and JB's Thunderbird was featured on the cover of our April 2023 Edition of the TB Tales Newsletter.





In the SPOT LIGHT



Armed Forces Day Parade

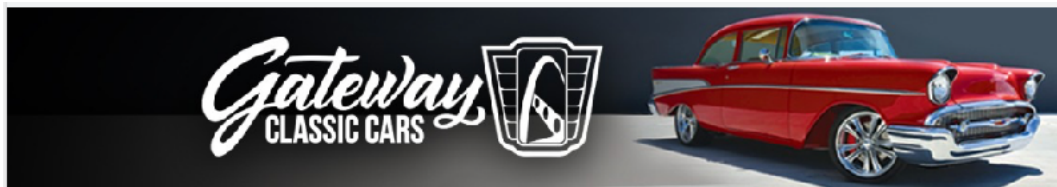
On Saturday May 20th the South Texas Thunderbird Club participated in the City of Live Oak Memorial Day parade honoring our Veterans. Both men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their life so that we all can enjoy the freedoms and rights we have today. We met at the staging area (Forest Bluff, left, off O'Conner Road, east of I-35 N in Live Oak) at 9:00am. Those who attended were Gary and Carolyn Faught with their Red 1957, Jerry Cowan with his Pacific Coast 2004 Modern Classic. Brian and Marilyn Carron with their 1957 Willow Green and their Torch Red 2002 Modern Classic, and Ray Clark with his Yellow Mustang. The parade started at 10:00am. The weather was perfect, a nice cool day for a parade, with spectators all along the two-mile route. Afterwards we cruised to 54th Street just a few blocks away to have a delicious lunch and enjoyable conversation to end off a wonderful way to celebrate all our Veterans in the Armed Forces.

Thanks to Marilyn Carron for the article.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

STTC Schedule of Events



June 24, 2023 9am – 11am

Gateway Classic Cars – New Braunfels

Only 3 of their franchises are in Texas. This one, one in Houston and one in Grapevine (Dallas).

They will provide free coffee, donuts and display our cars. They will contribute \$10 to STTC for our favorite charity for every car we bring. So let the BIRDS fly the coup for a day!

The Activities Committee will determine where we go for “grub” (lunch). Looking for suggestions from those in the New Braunfels area

Address: 679 Holcan Dr Suite 105, New Braunfels, TX 78130

LUNCH – Will be at 11am at Freitheit Country Store

2157 FM 1101, New Braunfels, TX 78130



July 22 Saturday 10am-11:30am - Jordan Ford

STTC CLUB MEETING

Another is Saturday, 10AM-1130am (note the time!) July 22nd, Jordan Ford Conference Room for a Business & Social meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

STTC Schedule of Events



August 26, 2023, 11am, Stinson Airport, San Antonio

Short Cruise to Stinson Field for Lunch, to view the airport activity and tour the Museum there.

Details to follow –

Danny & Kathy V hosted STTC "Pot Luck"



September 23rd, Saturday NOON (TENTATIVE)

Potluck Lunch at Danny & Kathy's Home again! They have invited us back! It has been suggested that we make another visit to a Seniors Living Facility prior to Lunch at a location in the general area of their home. In the event of inclement weather on that 4th Saturday of the Month, we will re-schedule it for the 5th Saturday, the 30th.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT - THEY ACTUALLY WANT US BACK!



OH, HMMMM
My taste buds are already salivating!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

STTC Schedule of Events



Hemi Hideaway
The John Hovas
Man Cave

**GOTTA SEE IT TO
BELIEVE!**

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-

This years celebration will be at Little Italy on West Ave.

Details to follow –





Coffee, Cars, & Veterans & Wilson County Car Club

Car Show November 4, 2023

Free entry

9-4 pm

Price Chrysler Dodge
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Awards at 3
Registration ends at 12
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August 16th-19th VTCI International 2023 Convention.

Location: Cartersville, GA.

More information as VTCI provides it.



ITC Thunderbird Reunion

Ford World Headquarters

Aug. 22-27, 2023

For further information contact

Gerard "Bart" Bartasavich, ITC President



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



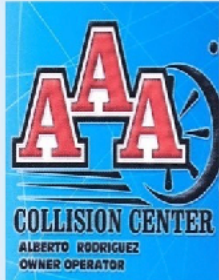
On The Market



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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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.

SOUTH TEXAS THUNDERBIRD CLUB VINTAGE THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

STTC OFFICERS	COMMITTEE DIRECTORS	VTCI OFFICERS
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		South Central Regional Director Brian Carron



Websites
www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com
www.vintagethunderbirdclub.com





www.SouthTexasThunderbirdClub.com

Membership Application

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



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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	All Other Countries
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00
March / April	\$35.00	\$55.00
May / June	\$30.00	\$45.00
July / August	\$25.00	\$40.00
September / October	\$55.00	\$90.00 includes next year
November / December	\$50.00	\$80.00 includes next year



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(if different from above-please print) _____

Signature _____

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*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.