



San Antonio, Texas

JULY 2023

4th Of July & Thunderbird



Thunderbird Celebrating the Red - White - Blue

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Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.



Presidents Message for July 2023

July President's Message

As we embark on the "Dog Days" of Summer I encourage all of you to take the necessary actions to protect yourselves from the effects of the 100+ days of heat we will have for much of July and August. With that thought in mind the Activities Committee has scheduled events that happen in the general area of the City.

Such as the recently concluded one regarding our short cruise to Gateway Classic Cars in New Braunfels. That was quite the interesting activity and I have never seen so many classic cars and trucks in one location before. Those who were not able to attend that cruise will see what I mean when you view the photos! There was a pretty good turnout of Members, about 22 and most of us then enjoyed some great food and decor of the Freiheit Country Store (Est. 1889!) close by. So much so it was suggested we consider it for our 2024 Christmas Party. BTW Danny tells me that the Donation from Gateway has been received!

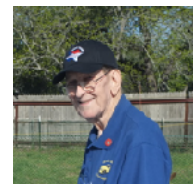
Keeping with my initial statement regarding "Dog Days" above our STTC meeting for Saturday, July 22nd 10AM-11:30AM (Note the Time!) will be a short Business/Social Meeting in Jordan Ford's meeting room, followed by lunch at Biff Buzby's around the corner. The rest of our STTC schedule for the remainder of the year is covered on our Website. Stay Safe!

See the Website for more details.

<https://southtexasthunderbirdclub.com/>

Best Regards,

Ray Clark, STTC President





Birthdays & Anniversaries

J U L Y

LOVE



BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Fullen	7/8
Becky Nelson	7/15
Carroll Brown	7/23

ANNIVERSARY

Carroll & Carol Brown	7/03
John & Pat Curcija	7/13
John & Judy Raimondo	7/23
Al & Barb McDonald	7/31



July 2, 1979 –
Sony Walkman
Introduced



4TH
July



July Zodiac Sign

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

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)





Future TBIRD????



Ford filed to trademark "Thunderbird" in January of 2021, and as Ford Authority exclusively reported this past May, the automaker is considering bringing back its iconic model as a possible Corvette rival.





STTC Member SPOT LIGHT



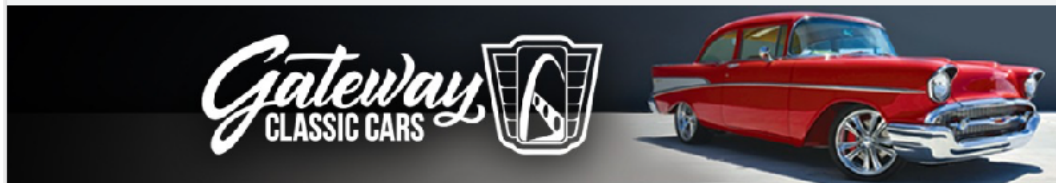
KUDOS to our very own! Stan Andrews & Jerry Cowan went to the Shrine Car Show today (6-4-23) and walked off with 2 of the 75 Trophies they gave out!





The Rear View June Event

“STTC CRUISE for JUNE”
By all accounts it was a hit!



June 24, 2023 Gateway Classic Cars – New Braunfels

We had a fairly good turn out of STTC Members on this Cruise. We had 14 cars signed in and 22 STTC Club members attend.

There were 14 sign ins on their STTC sheet. So I gather that was 14 cars. Out of those 14 sign ins, there were 22 Club members present if I got the count right.





The Rear View

June Event



CARS, CARS, CARS! **For The Love of Cars!**

June 24, 2023 Gateway Classic Cars – New Braunfels





The Rear View June Event



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The Rear View June Event



A Star is Born! - FILM AT 11

Our very own STTC Prez - Ray Clark being interviewed by a Ford Co. reporter at Gateway Classic Cars on Saturday. She loved the Tweety Bird² and handed Ray the mike and said to start telling her his story.

Will Ray Ever Be The Same!

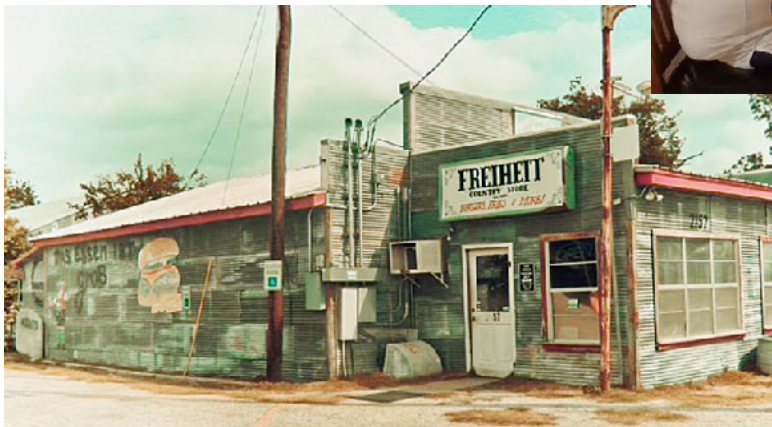




The Rear View

June Event

**After Drooling Over The Cars At Gateway . . .
Time To Put The Feed Bag On!**



**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

STTC Schedule of Events

ATTENTION!

**NEW
UPDATE**



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

STTC CLUB MEETING

The Saturday, July 22nd 10AM-11:30AM meeting at Jordan Ford will be a Business meeting to approve minutes & financial report from the January 1-28-2023 Business meeting. Please review those Minutes so you can approve them. There more than likely will be some new business to discuss. Lunch will be at:

Saturday, July 22nd, 11:45am Biff Buzby's Burgers. Right around the corner from Jordan Ford.
12702 Toepperwein Rd 78233
(210) 590-2040

The Cockpit Room has been reserved for us.
Menu

<https://www.biffbuzbys.com/on-line-ordering>



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STTC Schedule of Events

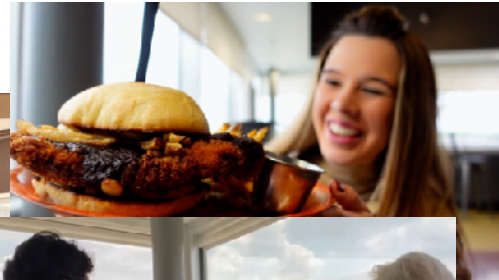


August 26, 2023, 11am, Stinson Airport, San Antonio

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

Details to follow –

We will all meet at Stinson Airport. Details regarding where we will park (parking lot) or on the airport tarmac right outside the restaurant windows is still to be determined.



**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

STTC Schedule of Events

**NEW
UPDATE**

Danny & Kathy V hosted



Rescheduled – September 23rd, Saturday Rescheduled

PLAN B in September 30th, 5th Saturday NOON.

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 5th Saturday of the Month, we will have our PotLuck in their big garage, with tables, fans, you name it.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT - THEY ACTUALLY WANT US BACK!



OH, HMMMM
My taste buds are already salivating!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

STTC Schedule of Events



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 –





Special events!

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD 1790
UNITED STATES ARMY

**Coffee, Cars, & Veterans
& Wilson County Car Club
Car Show**
November 4, 2023
Free entry 9-4 pm

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Awards at 3
Registration ends at 12
Vendors and Food

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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



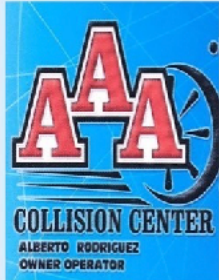
On The Market



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	VTCL OFFICERS
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		Country Store Laura Wahrmond
		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.

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May / June	\$30.00
July / August	\$25.00
September / October	\$55.00
November / December	\$50.00

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\$40.00

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