





**AUGUST 2023** 



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Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.

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# **Presidents Message for August 2023**

#### August President's Message

There were several new business items discussed and voted on at our Business/Social Meeting on July 22nd at Jordan Ford. One was the approval of the Business Meeting Minutes and Financial Report of Jan. 28th, 2023, voted on and approved. Another item regarding the reception of the Gateway Classic Cars contribution to STTC for our attendance. A Check for \$140 was received. A motion was made and passed to add \$40 to it and contribute it to a local Children's Hospital. I will make that decision shortly.

As we have in the past, we voted on and approved a donation of \$200 to the VTCI International Convention in August in Georgia. Danny has mailed that contribution to them.

We ran out of the few STTC Iron On Patches we had. I contacted Laura W. to ascertain the cost to have more made. She provided me with this. 25ct X \$5ea=\$125, 50ct X \$3ea=\$150, 100ct X \$2ea=\$200. The response to my email was an approval for 50ct X \$3ea & \$150, (plus about \$5-\$7 shipping), Member cost, \$3ea to replace that cost. Laura can place the order and have them shipped to me.

2023 Wreaths Across America program came up. A motion was made and approved for the Club again to collect individual donations and then submit the final amount in the Club's name to the Wreath organization. Care to donate? Send a check to STTC noted that it is for Wreaths Across America.

Normally, elections to STTC Officer positions were done during our annual Christmas Party. With the recent By-Law changes that is no longer necessary. Officers now remain in office until they resign, pass on or their position is challenged. We DO need a Secretary to replace our VP, Stan Andrews performing both positions. Anyone who wants to replace the President, VP, Secretary or Treasurer please step forward quickly and submit your candidacy by email to me. A candidate must be in good standing in the STTC and VTCI. He/She MUST be a Paid Member of VTCI (or has a Spouse which is) to hold one of our Leadership positions.

See the Website for more details.

<a href="https://southtexasthunderbirdclub.com/">https://southtexasthunderbirdclub.com/</a>

Best Regards,

Ray Clark, STTC President





# Birthdays & Anniversaries

# AUGUST



# **BIRTHDAYS**

Raul Lozano 8/02
Ray Clark 8/04
Jack Williams 8/13
Jack Dowda 8/15
Laura Wahrmund 8/15
Gerry Busald 8/22



# **ANNIVERSARY**

Bryce & Kimberley 8/12

#### **August 12, 1902**

The now legendary Model T was first manufactured on August 12th, although it remained at the factory until nearly October.



## Aug. 15, 1899 - Take This Job And Shove It . . .

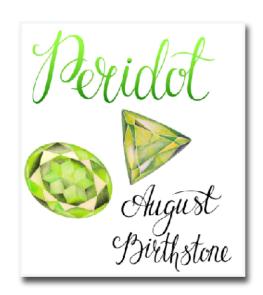
Arguably one of the most influential decisions in automotive history, Henry Ford quits his job with Edison Illuminating company to build his first automobile.

# August Zodiac Sign There are (2) Zodiac Signs th

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

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sep 22)







# The Rear View July Event

STTC Meeting - Jordan Ford

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Refer to "President"s Message (page 2) for details of the meeting.





# The Rear View July Event

Post STTC Meeting - Lunch At Biff Buzby's for some grub and chinwag...









# **A Little Humor**

# Marketing 101 - Humor Imitates Life It's All How You Spin It . . .

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#### INDUSTRIAL THESAURUS

- NEW . . . different color from previous design
- ALL NEW . . . parts are not interchangeable with the previous design
- EXCLUSIVE . . . made in Italy
- UNMATCHED . . . almost as good as the competition
- DESIGN SIMPLICITY . . . costs cut to the bone
- FOOLPROOF OPERATION . . . no provision for adjustment
- ADVANCED DESIGN . . . Sales Dept. doesn't understand it
- FIELD TESTED . . . manufacturer doesn't have the time.
- RUGGED . . . too heavy to lift.
- LIGHTWEIGHT . . . lighter than rugged.
- YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT . . . finally got one that worked.
- UNPRECEDENTED PERFORMANCE . . . nothing we ever had before worked this way.
- FUTURISTIC . . . can't figure out why it looks like it does.
- ENERGY SAVING . . . achieved when the unit is shut off.
- NO MAINTENANCE . . . impossible to fix.
- HAND CRAFTED . . . too complex for machining operations.
- PERFORMANCE PROVEN . . . good chance it will operate through the warranty period.
- MEETS QUALITY STANDARDS . . . ours, not yours.
- IMPROVED RELIABILITY . . . you will get one more day out of it than the last one.
- SATISFACTION GUARANTEED . . . our's, upon receipt of the check.



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.

Interesting to note that the STTC Cruise for August will be heading to Stinson Airport and it is the month of August that was chosen for National Aviation Day - HOW 'BOUT THAT!

Cruise Details on the following page.

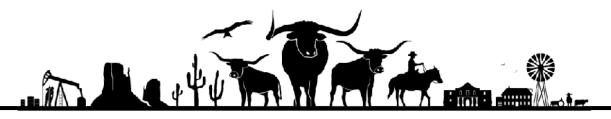


Ever since 1939, August 19 has been celebrated as National Aviation Day, the legacy of a presidential proclamation first made by Franklin D. Roosevelt to celebrate the birth date of civil aviation pioneer Orville Wright. Together with his brother Wilbur, the Wrights are credited with inventing, building, and

flying the world's first successful airplane. Specifically, Orville Wright piloted the first controlled, sustained flight of a powered, heavier-than-air machine with the Wright Flyer on December 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk,

North Carolina. Although not the first to build experimental aircraft, the Wright brothers were the first to invent aircraft controls which truly made fixed-wing powered flight possible. Orville was born in Dayton, Ohio, while his partner and older brother, Wilbur Wright, was born on a farm near Millville, Indiana. Today, National Aviation Day celebrates the history and development of the aviation.











#### 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.

#### Trailblazer Café 8535 Mission Road, Suite 107 – San Antonio 78214

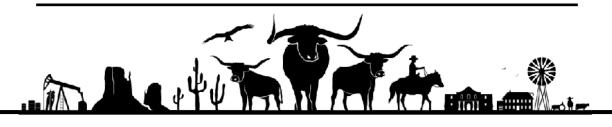
**Details – (Ray Clark - President)** 

Joshua Adams - Trailblazer Cafe Owner - 210-789-4444 is our contact. Here is the GPS info for ya.

#### 8535 Mission Road, Suite 107 78214.

We will all meet there. Arrival Time is 11AM, next Saturday, August 26th so please be punctual. Joshua will be at the big parking lot across from the Cafe with a yellow vest on. Once we are all there, he will direct us onto the tarmac to position our cars among the aircraft and take some quick pix. Then into the Cafe to enjoy lunch and look at our cars from inside a nice AC Cafe and maybe take more pix through the big bay windows. Those who have not seen the museum before may want to do that after lunch and after we get our cars off the tarmac. Saturday weather is expected to be at 105, with only a 3% chance of rain. Luckily we will be inside for most of this time. We have about a couple of dozen members that have indicated they will be showing up. If you have any questions please call me.

Ray Clark STTC President 210-875-1411







# 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!









October 21st, - Saturday Cruise to John Hovas Hideout in Brookshire, Texas.

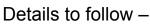
12 Texas surrounding area Tbird Clubs have been invited to join us this year to tour the fabulous Hideout. Last year we had 6 Tbird Clubs and about 250 Tbird owners attend. We hope to double that this year! We picked October for cooler weather and less other activities to compete with. Tbird Clubs were 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.







Ed sent me this information regarding the Sept. 16th Alamo Area Corvette Club S&S. It does appear there is a Category P that covers 1950-1996 FLM & Tbirds, and Category JJ FLM 1996-Current & Retrobirds. There is Labor Day and other activities in September to contend with, including our own Sept. 30th Pot Luck Lunch. So this will be an event that any in the Club can attend if they wish to. It will **not** be a STTC Club activity. Thank you Ed for providing us with the information.

Ray Clark, STTC President



REGISTRATION LINK AND MORE INORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.ALAMOAREACORVETTECLUB.COM













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# MARKETPLACE

# In The Market / On The Market



## 1988 Ford Thunderbird Sport

5.0 V8, Power steering, power disc brakes, 4 speed auto overdrive. Power windows, power door locks, remote trunk release, remote gas door release, 15" alloy wheels, disc brakes, quadulink rear suspension (4 shocks, consol center with floor mounted shifter, tinted windows, factory dual exhaust, clear coat red medium metallic paint, AM/FM radio with cassette (original in box) now has Alpine AM/FM with CD player installed, new radiator, new fan clutch, new power steering pump, AC has original R12 freon and works great, heater works great, 90% tire tread ware left, front end recently checked and aligned, recent oil and filter change, 6 way power red velvet seats, remote control rearview mirrors

Asking \$9000.00 Overall, car is in great shape.

Any questions please call Jack Dowda at 210-862-7510

# 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.

On The Market

Call him for further details at 210-478-0560

if you have a serious interest in it.

#### 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"

# PARTS / SERVICE









Thunderbirds Southwest 4635 E. State Highway 71 La Grange, TX 78945

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call the Balch Springs location.





# PARTS / SERVICE



#### **List of Dealers for Parts**

- 58-66 Bird Nest 800-232-6378 www.tbirdparts.com
- 55-72 Classic Auto Parts 800-654-3247 www.classicautoparts.com
- 55-86 Concours Parts 800-722-0009 www.concourspartd.com
- 58-94 Thunderbird Ranch 715-884-6546 www.tbirdranch.com
- 55-56 Casco 800-374-0914 www.classictbird.com
- 55-56 Hill's Classic Cars 740-949-2217 www.hillsresto.com
- Rock Auto www.rockauto.com
- Hi-Tech Electronic/Radio Repair Service, (Modern ClassicT-Birds and more)
  Van Nuys, CA, 818-785-8085

Service@Hitechserv.com

or https://hitechserv.com/electronicsrepairs/oem-navigation-dvd-ed-charger-repair/

Rick Monroe "Straightnshinybygolly" Chrome Straightening & Polishing Phone: (210) 584-5856. Email: <a href="mailto:mongooserpm@gmail.com">mongooserpm@gmail.com</a>



# TUIRD USED PARTS





Finding used parts for some models of Thunderbirds can be a challenge - this is especially true for the "Retro" Birds (2002 – 2005). However STTC is privileged to have our own "Bloodhound Ray" also known as "The Prez". The following are a few words on Used Thunderbird Parts that may provide some guidance for some of our club members.

With the approval of Andrea & Steve your Favorite Bloodhound has had his nose to the ground looking for that 2005 50th Anniversary Retrobird that was lost to them about a year and a half ago. I have contacted about every known auto salvage yard around us for it, or any other Retrobird parts car. (Including Johns Salvage in Sequin. They have NO Retrobirds, but still have a lot of older Tbirds.) I have found that there is only ONE Retrobird listed available for parts at our local salvage yard. It is located at Roosevelt Wrench-A-Part 210-686-0365, a Red 2005 Retrobird only, Row 9. 10606 Roosevelt Avenue San Antonio, TX 78221. That leaves us with just the one local Retrobird I have found, as a source for used parts off it. It still has its engine in it.

With Andrea & Steve's approval, I contacted the insurance company that covered that Tbird. I know it was released from the City Auto Pound later on March 26, 2022 to the insurance company after it was picked up and moved there. However, the insurance company, after doing research on it, has not been able to determine the person or company it was sold to. So that Tbird, which had a lot of undamaged parts on it after the accident, is lost to us as a source of possible parts. IF Anyone knows where it is, please contact me!

Regarding other years of Tbird parts cars I have found the other salvage yards that DO have Tbird parts cars are: Pick-N-Pull, 11795 Applewhite Rd, 210-298-5420 ~ In their Classic Section, '64-'78 Tbirds, Open Wed, Sat, Sun, only, 8-noon.

The other one is Nicks Auto Parts 210-627-2032, '58 '59 '61 '62 Tbirds (the latter two years, not to much to pick from, but if you have one, you may want to see what they do have). 10407 Roosevelt Ave, San Antonio, TX 78214, Hours: Closes 5:30 PM.

The other source for used parts is Tbird Bob Sinickas Bob ~ TbirdBob 2002-2005 Thunderbird Parts in Indiana! Veteran owned. Specializes in FEM and REM rebuilding. Has Rebuilt FEM's & REM's in stock, ready to ship! Also had 11 pages of Retrobird parts! <a href="http://www.TbirdBob.com">http://www.TbirdBob.com</a> (Secure Website) Contact: Bob Sinickas ~ 219-992-0953. Bob has collected wrecked Retrobirds from across the Nation and has 34 Retrobird parts cars to obtain used parts from. Although he has 2 Retrobirds from Texas, he does NOT have Andrea's Retrobird, unfortunately.

In looking for new replacement parts for Seth and now also for about-to-be new STTC member Tom Reynolds, 2005 50th Anniversary Retrobirds the Bloodhound has found this out. If you provide your last 8 numbers of your VIN # to Red McCombs, or Lincoln dealerships, they can enter them into a database, along with the part # or part name and tell you who has new parts across this Nation. By doing that, I was able to find a new electric fan replacement, (22 of new ones!) and a new water pump. So keep that in mind when you are looking for new Retrobird parts. They are becoming harder and harder to find.

Best Regards, Ray Clark STTC President, 210-875-1411



# 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

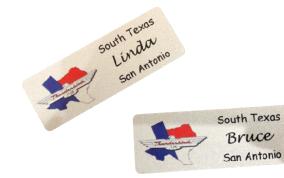
if you prefer.



# South Texas Thunderbird Club Support Material







STTC Club Cards

STTC Member Name Tags

STTC Brochure



STTC Website
Providing Club News, Activities, Membership, Gallery
www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com



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

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		Country Store Laura Wahrmund

South Central Regional Director
Brian Carron



#### Websites

www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com www.vintagethunderbirdclub.com







#### 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: month / day
	spouse's name:	_ birthday: month / day
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