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Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.



Those of you who were able to attend our second Pot Luck Lunch hosted by our gracious hosts Kathy and Danny Varella thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the terrific food and drink available to us. I think I tried everything available at least once including the Tbird cookie! This event gave us the opportunity again to enjoy some personal conversations between member that is often not possible at our many other functions. The weather cooperated with us allowing us to enjoy our lunch outdoors or indoors. Thank you, Danny and Kathy for opening up your beautiful home to us again. It is very much appreciated.

The October activity involves a Cruise to the Hemi Hideout in Brookhaven, near Houston to visit the multi-million-dollar Man Cave of John Hovas on Saturday, October 21st. Last year there were about 250 people there, with members of 6 Tbird Club attending. It appears that we will have members of 7 Tbirds Clubs with members of the CTCI, ITC, and Squarebirds.org among us. That total is about 100 members and 40 Tbirds with many deciding, due to distance to drive their daily drivers to this event. STTC has 20 members and 4 Tbirds driving to this event. Shelly Gates is expecting 250 people total with members of other Classic Car Clubs and the public invited like last year. Arrival time is 10AM, with the facility opening as soon as you get your cars parked. Tbirds and other classic cars will be parked in a special location apart from the daily drivers. Entry again is a \$10ea cash donation at the door, and no children under 12 are admitted. John Hovas will speak to us around noon for about 20 minutes. A food truck will be available for us and you will be able to eat inside the Man Cave or outside. Food and drinks are at your expense, and last year it was very good. You will be able to visit their restoration shop where everything inside the Man Cave is repaired or restored. It only can handle about 15 people at a time and there is no restroom available there. Access to it is usually provided by golf cart. Last year few people got to see it because we did not know about it. Those who did said it was very worthwhile.

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Ray Clark STTC President

See the Website for more details. <u>https://southtexasthunderbirdclub.com/</u> Best Regards, Ray Clark, STTC President





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Model T Day is celebrated every year on October 1 to commemorate the day that changed how America traveled on its roads. Model T was an iconic automobile that changed America's streetscape. We absolutely love and respect Henry Ford for introducing the car to America and contributing to its progress.



Gary Faught

Thomas S.

Carolyn Faught

Judy Raimondo



The Rear View September Event



Looks like the STTC Potluck Lunch at Danny & Kathy's was a hit. Great Food - Great Company and plenty of "Chinwagging".

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT - THEY ACTUALLY HAD US BACK!





Yuuuummmmm - Plenty of Food!





The Rear View September Event



TBird Cookies a big hit at the Danny & Kathy V STTC POTLUCK



I never thought I would ever meet a cookie that I would not want to eat until I got this one yesterday! We had our monthly meeting yesterday and we had a Pot Luck Lunch again. Something that I thoroughly enjoy because people tend to bring their favorite or famous dish or dessert to eat. Yesterday was no exception and I think I had a little of everything they brought except one! On a tray was a selection of Tbirds of different colors which I thought were decorations so I did not have one of them. Until right before I left Kathy asked me if I had eaten one of the cookies as she handed me this one you will see in the pictures. I said Cookies? Those are Cookies?! And she said yes, as she handed me a yellow Tbird cookie to eat. That Sugar cookie may have a longgggg life because I am not sure if I can

bring myself to eating it!!! They are made by a Woman in New Braunfels, and she has a Facebook page showing allIII the different types of cookies she makes.

Oops . . . I finally forced myself to eat it and IT WAS GOOOOOD!!!!

Here is her FB page <u>https://www.facebook.com/MsKellysCookies/</u>.



Makes sense "The Prez" would love this one! His "Tweety Bird I" was a yellow '59.

This is the back of the cookie



These are "Cookies" but wouldn't they make great wall paper! No not the cookies themselves but the images.







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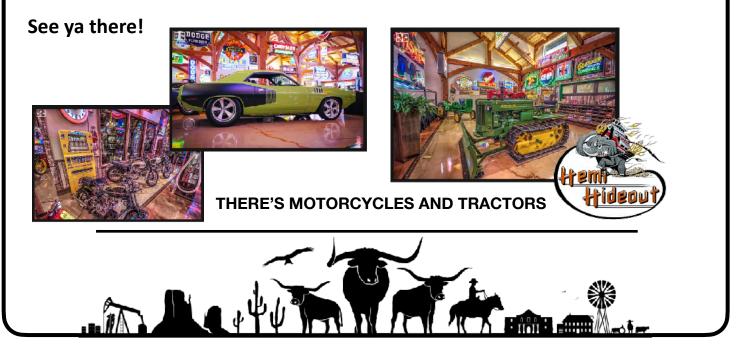


STTC Schedule of Events



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

Meet up time for those of us in San Antonio will be at 7AM Saturday at the Shell Station (off Weichold Rd, 3835 E. Loop 1604 N, 78109) just on the right eastbound side of IH-10E. We will wait for about 10-15 minutes and then hit the road as a convoy to the Man Cave. We will have our Club two-way radios with us. Some who live on the far northside of this City have opted to meet us at the Home Depot in Seguin. We should be there around 8am to meet up with ya'll there. The Man Cave event ends at 1pm and we will all be free to head back home. This will be the last time I will set up another Cruise to this event. I contacted 12 Tbird Clubs in and around Texas. 5 of them felt it was to far too drive. At least this year we will have 7 of the 8 or so big Tbird Clubs in Texas attending. It is an event that you certainly should enjoy and usually only opens 4 times a year to Classic car Clubs and the public.





STTC Schedule of Events

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 -







Billy F Gibbons '58 Thunderbird

Billy F Gibbons of ZZ Top

Billy had owned the 'Bird for some years and it was sitting in one of his storage facilities unused until he and the late-Pete Chapouris decided to de-mothball it and give it the Watson treatment.





https://stateofspeed.com/2019/08/08/billy f gibbons mexican blackbird/



FUTURE THUNDERBIRD ??????



Andrea sent me this information she received in email from Thunderbird Specialties. Maybe they are right, who know. The Head Honcho in an interview recently did say they were bringing back the Tbird... FLM is reported to have ended production of gas powered sedan cars to concentrate on the EV SUV and Truck market. It is being reported that the Tbird, if it comes out, will be like the 2024 Mustang a gas powered car. There are reports that both may be Hybrid units in the near future.

Here is some additional information I came up with regarding this supposed new Tbird. No one seems to know what it will look like, but they have come up with what they think it might look like.

Ray

2024 Thunderbird?







FUTURE THUNDERBIRD ??????

NOTE: The following is from a publication produced by POWERSPORT Thunderbird Specialties, Inc out of Rancho Mirage, Ca. called "New Thunderbird Times".

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FUTURE THUNDERBIRD ?????

This new Thunderbird is based on research and concept renderings created over 22 years ago by Automotive Design Legend, **James R. Powers** in conjunction with **Jack Telnack**, former Chief of **Design for Ford Motor Company**.





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Vintage Thunderbird Club International

Message from Bob Bob McNeill Vice President, Vintage Thunderbird Club International

Folks ...

Paul Prokop has decided to retire as Concours Director after serving in that position since 2006; necessitating a qualified replacement. Also, Laura Wahrmund is leaving her post as Country Store Manager. We are officially beginning an open search process with publication in the November/December issue of the SCOOP - going to press on 10/1/23.

But in advance, we're also asking you to contact your chapter presidents to identify any candidates and ask them to submit their bio and qualifications to me via e-mail -<u>bobmcneill.vtci@gmail.com</u> - no later than December 15th. Materials submitted will be circulated as received. I'll follow up with a direct e-mail to the local chapter presidents on/about 11/15/23 as a reminder.

Candidates will be evaluated and a recommendation submitted to the Board for approval effective January 2024. The relevant sections of the bylaws are detailed below. Any questions should be addressed to either Rod or myself regarding the process; questions regarding the duties of the position and their execution should be addressed directly to Paul or Laura.

Section 3.06.300 Concours Director

Taking advantage of an extensive knowledge of Thunderbird restoration processes, original factory specifications and the VTCI's concours rules and procedures, the Concours Director shall serve as the chief arbiter of technical issues and/or disputes in conjunction with concours judging at all VTCI-sanctioned events.

The Concours Director and/or designee shall be responsible for the content and preparation of the VTCI's Concours Rules (Volume 1), as well as the conduct and coordination of the judging process, tally room and awards presentation at all International Conventions; including providing assistance to the host chapter in the recruitment of certified judges and maintaining/updating judges' instructions. The Concours Director shall serve as the arbiter of judging decisions appealed from all conventions; including the publishing of said decisions in both print and electronic media.



Vintage Thunderbird Club International

Message from Bob Bob McNeill Vice President, Vintage Thunderbird Club International (Continuation Previous Page)

To maintain the integrity and reputation of the VTCI's concours judging system, the Concours Director shall maintain a historical record of Thunderbirds judged by VTCI standards, at VTCI events, with each vehicle identifiable by its unique vehicle identification number (VIN).

To promote the necessary accuracy, consistency and fairness required in concours judging, the Concours Director shall supervise the activities of the VTCI necessary to establish and maintain a National Judges Training Program; directing efforts to recruit, develop, instruct and train VTCI members in their progress towards becoming credentialed VTCI Certified Judges. The Concours Director's effort shall be guided by the VTCI's existing policies and procedures, with any functional or procedural changes, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, prior to implementation. The Concours Director shall establish and maintain an ongoing evaluation process; combining feedback from both judges and owners, in an effort to translate judging controversies into effective updates/improvements to the current judging process.

Section 3.07.100 Country Store Manager

The President shall appoint a member in good standing to serve as the VTCI Country Store Manager, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Country Store Manager shall demonstrate experience and proficiency in the operation of a retail business and/or sufficient managerial expertise to manage procurement, perform inventory control, handle shipping and packing duties and exercise basic financial accounting.

Thanks for your assistance. Bob McNeill Vice President, Vintage Thunderbird Club International (206) 304-8971 bobmcneill.vtci@gmail.com







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.

Call him for further details at 210-478-0560

if you have a serious interest in it.







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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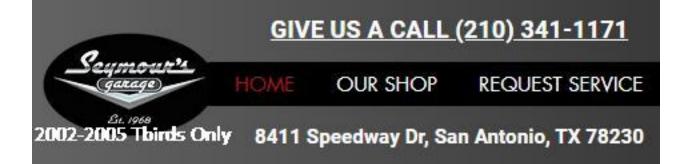
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TURP USED PARTS





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! <u>http://www.TbirdBob.com</u> (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 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

October 2023 Edition



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



CLUB

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

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fill it out online.

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You can join through our website

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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

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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.

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