



ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

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Best facts about October

The month of October. This month's name stems from Latin octo, "eight," because this was the eighth month of the early Roman calendar. When the romans converted to a 12 month calendar, the name October stuck despite that fact that it's now the...

October 1, 1908—Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 1, 1938—Hitler's troops occupied the Sudetenland portion of Czechoslovakia. In an effort to avoid war, the leaders of Britain and France had agreed to cede the German-speaking area to Hitler, who later broke the agreement and occupied all of...

Jack-o-lanterns. Not only do you get to carve a pumpkin and turn it into a work of art, you also get a

Scented Candles. This month brings about glorious candle scents like "waffle pumpkin and ...

Costumes. Don't tell me you don't spend practically the whole month planning puns that are ...

Spooky Decorations. Spider webs, fake skeletons, what's not to love?



**Danny Kim
ACTC President**

We had a great breakfast meeting in September and it was so good to see many of you there sharing stories and participating in our club. As our snowbirds return, we look forward to seeing more of you at the meetings and our upcoming events. We welcomed new members Larry and Janey Queen at our September meeting, if you get a chance, please say hello and give them a warm ACTC welcome.

Speaking of upcoming events, our Christmas Party Committee has a great evening planned for Friday, December 10 2021. The venue will be at the Embassy Suite Hotel located at 4415 E Paradise Village Parkway South, Phoenix 85032. Cocktail hour will begin at 5PM with dinner and entertainment/dancing until 10PM. The cost is \$30 per member or \$68 per non-member. We will discuss this in more detail in our upcoming October and November meetings, please contact Bob Michele if you have any questions. We have a great menu planned and it is sure to be a fun evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

There is a group heading up to Payson Car Show on October 8th – 9th led by Jim Rodgers. There is a dinner planned at Fargo's Restaurant on October 9th at 5PM. For more details please contact Jim Rodgers if you plan to join in last minute.

Officer elections are coming up in November, we encourage all members to consider running for a position. The club needs your involvement and energy to keep it running strong into the future. If you have any questions on the roles or would like to indicate your interest to run, please contact me directly and I will be happy to walk you through it. A ballot question will also be posed to restrict future boards from spending no more than \$2,000 from our savings account each year. Please also contact me if you have any questions ahead of receiving your emailed ballot in November. For those of you who do not wish an emailed ballot and prefer a physical one, please indicate that by contacting me as well.

Sincerely,

Danny

2001 November Archives

The front page Headline read: BIRD CHATTER LIGHTENS UP!!!!!!!

It was decided by the ACTC Board and the Newsletter Editor to limit the size from 16 pages down to 8 pages.

This would give us substantial savings in printing and postage, help ward off the effects of inflation on the Club and help maintain costs of activities at current or even lower levels for some time. All regular columns will continue to be published as usual. Additional articles contributed by members are still welcome, but it is hoped Members will make copies of their originals or contributed articles and bring them to a meeting to share with others. (Say What???) (2021, today, we have plenty of money Honey} Limited photos will still appear in the newsletter, but the majority of photographs will still be seen at meetings. In our photo albums which are maintained by our Historian. We look forward to these stories/photographs in continuing to be told/displayed at our meeting. So make it a point to come to the club meeting and get "the rest Of the story".

Also, Effective January 1, 2002, The cost of advertising of the Bird Chatter will increase from \$4 each month or \$48 a year to \$5 each month or \$60 a year. We are sure that all member will agree that this is still a Bargain. All current advertisers will get first option of size and position. New request for ads will be processed on a first come first served basis.

Bob LaBine, Cindy Bortner, Ken Falkenberry and John Marchisotto depart for Atlanta, Georgia to have the Yellow 55 inspected and double checked to pass the Great Race Rules and Regulations. Example: A/C belt had to be removed, Speedometer, Clock, Odometer and Tachometer were sealed with tamperproof tape. Check of signal Lights, headlights, tail lights to insure they worked. Saturday, June 16th at 12:05, Car #73, our Yellow 55 T-bird pulls out for 14 exciting days of timed road rallying across the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The first 6 miles were

The tire warm up. Next was the speedometer calibration. Then it was off for 5 timed (150 miles) legs. We had a Great send off in Atlanta.

Editors note: I can't fill our 2021 newsletter with The Great Race Story, but I can only share with you that we won

Rookie Division this first year, then went on to win 4 more consecutive year. Bob was just a winner!!!

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2021 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

Well , Bob Michele has done it again and found us a meeting location.

Club meetings will be at American Legend Hall a 20001 Cave Creek Rd, just south of 101. Breakfast \$14.00 ea

Sunday, October 17th 8:30

Sunday, November 14th 8:30

ANSWER EVITE INVITATIONS
Or Contact Bob Michele
602-768-5710

Trips in the works:

- 1. Beeline Cruise 10/8&9 Payson
- 2. Oct 8-9 get car reservation on line. Most of us are parking in the grass. Hotel Is Majestic Inn, Payson, arrangements have been made for dinner at Fargo's next door.

Christmas Party's coming
Embassy Suites, 4415 E. Paradise Village Pkwy, South, Phoenix. Friday, 12/10/21 from 5:00 pm—10:00 pm approx. cost \$30 per person. We have blocked 10 rooms at discounted price \$111.44 Phone #602-765-5800 use code ACTC or CESACT. Fill out Christmas Party Flyer and send in with check.



PLEASE NOTE !
All dates and events listed above are tentative and subject to change. Please check the calendar



October Birthdays

Denis J. Frank	10/10/0
Jo Cannold	10/10/0
Michael Trapasso	10/11/0
Mary Lee Winer	10/15/0
Yvonne Wagner	10/18/0
Linda Thurston	10/22/0
Ton Hanby	10/23/0
Gary Thompson	10/28/0
Doni Bodell	10/28/0
Sharon Ames	10/28/0



October Anniversaries

Kerry & Jody Pokorski	10/04/0
Bob & Kathy Michele	10/12/0
Jon P. & Juanita Braemer	10/14/0
Paul & Jean Fruscello	10/28/0
Jim & Sherri Rodgers	1028/0
Stuart & Jo Cannold	10/30/0



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It's in process so big savings can be had. \$29,000 Mike Wood 602-568-8140**



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He gave me all the plaque's and large wall mounted trophies. WE saw America, like you have never seen it. If you ever want

To talk about it or have question, please let me know.

The other events that our club participated in this month (2002) were Run to the Pines, The Sanderson Ford Show,

Lake Havasu Adventure, Palm Springs Weekend and the Tahitian Island Cruise (one week) where 32 fellow T-birders

Spent their time Sightseeing, Eating too much, Drinking too much and just having lots of fun. (Virginia and I were

There-GREAT MEMORIES))

Our thanks to Ed Tracey

Furnished by Don Rebtoy

MECUM AUCTIONS
AUCTION NEWS

BY TOM COMERRO



MECUM AUCTIONS

Barrett-Jackson in Vegas

BARRETT-JACKSON HAD A HUGE haul in Las Vegas in late September, selling 733 vehicles at no reserve for a total figure of \$32.9 million. Among the sales were some charity vehicles, including this fully restored 1956 Ford Thunderbird that generated proceeds for the American Heart Association and Regional West Foundation. The final bid brought in \$295,000 for the two charities. Full results are now available at www.barrett-jackson.com.

Cadillac Bounty at Mecum

MECUM JUST CONCLUDED ITS AUCTION IN DALLAS, TEXAS, which included a nice Cadillac collection from Bill's Backyard Classics. Bill's is a family-friendly museum based out of Amarillo, Texas, and the no-reserve sale featured a variety of Cadillacs from the 1940s to the mid-1970s. Twenty-five Cadillacs found new homes, selling for a combined \$254,100. Among those available was this 1949 Coupe de Ville that featured a 338-cu.in. OHV V-8, automatic transmission, fender skirts, drum brakes, and AM/FM radio. The final bid hammered home at \$17,600. The full list of results from Bill's Backyard Classics and the rest of the auction are available at www.mecum.com.



BARRETT-JACKSON

RM SOTHEBY'S

AUCTION PROFILE

CAR: 1957 MERCURY TURNPIKE CRUISER
AUCTIONEER: RM SOTHEBY'S
LOCATION: AUBURN, INDIANA
DATE: AUGUST 30, 2018
LOT NUMBER: 2179
RESERVE: NONE
CONDITION: 3+
AVERAGE SELLING PRICE: \$22,000
SELLING PRICE: \$25,850



THIS TURNPIKE CRUISER CAME WITH ALL power items in 1957. Its interesting styling included air ducts on top of the windshield, overhanging roof with retractable rear window, and gold inserts that ran the length of the sculpted rear fenders.

The four-door hardtop sedan was the most common body style that year, with 8,305 produced.

This particular Mercury had been a part of the Shrine of the Holy Grille, known for its large collection of

Edsels among other FoMoCo cars. The subject of an older restoration, this Turnpike Cruiser still had a brilliant two-tone scheme in Sunset Orchid over Classic White. This was allegedly one of fewer than 50 with factory air conditioning and had memory seats along with all of the standard power features. When the bidding ended, this fine example of mid-50s styling sold at a fair price for both buyer and seller, considering that quality four-doors from the 1950s are becoming more desirable.



ACTC
Christmas Party

Friday 12/10/21

Embassy Suites Hotel
4415 E. Paradise Village Pkwy South
Phoenix 85032

5:00pm: Cocktail Hour
6:00pm: Dinner
7:00pm-10:00pm: Dinner and Dancing

ACTC Christmas Party

Menu Selection

Choices:

- 1. Pan Seared Chicken Breast w/Thyme Jus
Mushroom Risotto, Seasonal Vegetable
Melange**
- 2. Grilled Salmon w/Roasted Vegetables
Roasted Baby Potatoes, Brushed Chimichurri**
- 3. Steak Medallions w/Red Wine Demi Glaze
Green Chile Mashed Potato, Asparagus &
Baby Carrot**

All Dinners come with salad, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea

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Please fill in the following information and mail it with your check (\$30.00 per member, \$68.00 per non-member)

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**Mail To:
Bob Michele
10210 E. Pantera Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85212**

Responses must be received by November 24th

Name:_____ Choice (1,2, or 3) _____

Name:_____ Choice (1,2, or 3) _____

Guest Name:_____ Choice (1,2, or 3) _____

Guest Name:_____ Choice (1,2, or 3) _____

**2022 CTCI INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION UPDATE**

**Exciting News! Clear Your
Calendars.**

The 2022 International Convention has been approved by the Convention Committee and the Exec/ Finance Committee. President and Region 5 Director Brian Carron presented and the Board approved to hold the Convention in San Antonio, Texas in Sep/Oct 2022 timeframe.

Watch for further updates/details in e-Blast and Early Bird. Specific dates will be sent out as we have a better handle on hotel availability. Host Clubs will be the Austin Thunderbirds owners and Classic Thunderbirds of Houston along with support provided by CTCI Board/ Office.

**CTCI board of Directors Election
Regions 2,4,6, & International**

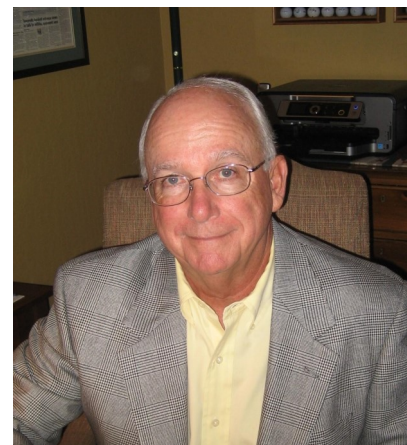
Dear CTCI Members,

Region 2,4,6, and International are electing a Director at Large.

Voting starts later today and closes on Oct 1 at 4 PM Central time. You should soon receive an email from Opavote containing a link to your ballot. The subject line will be CTCI Election. Check your spam/junk mail folder in case it lands there. If you do not receive your voting email within 48 hours, please report this to ctcioffice@ctci.org.

CTCI appreciated your support and participation!

Director at Large



My name is Chuck Thompson. I am a member of Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club (Chapter #35). I am asking for your vote as Director at Large.

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I have experience with CTCI having served on the CTCI Board for two terms as Director for Region 6 from 2015 through 2018. During that time, I held the position of President and Vice President.

My involvement with Thunderbirds and the Arizona Classic Thunderbird club began 19 years ago when my wife Judy and I purchased our first 1957 Thunderbird. Since joining ACTC, I have been an active member holding the position of President twice. Vice Pretendent once and serving as the Club's CTCI representative several times. I have chaired many ACTC Club activities. Most recently serving as the event chairman for the CTCI 2019 Flagstaff Convention.

Prior to retiring, I was the Chief Executive Officer for the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation. Before Hopi I was Business Consultant in the greater Phoenix area. The majority of my business career was spent in the New York area where I held senior management positions with a number of European based luxury consumer products companies. My last position, which I held for over 14 years, was CEO of the US division of the Denby Pottery Company.

Last April confident that my past business experience and club experience with both CTCI and ACTC will qualify me to handle the position of CTCI Director-at-large. I would appreciate your vote and if elected will do my best to again serve CTCI.

**Chuck Thompson, CTCI #33133
Mesa, Arizona, Phone (480) 773-0222 E Mail:
cthompson57@cox.net**

September 12, 2021

9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by President Danny Kim

Called for approval of the August minutes as printed in the newsletter approved.

Announcements

Hospitality, Yvonne Wagner introduced new members Jennifer Kiley and Bret Williams who recently purchased Mike Wood's 56 Thunderbird.

Welcomed back Chuck and Judy Thompson along with Donnie Odell. Always good to see our long time members we haven't seen in a while.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated.

Ways and Means: Ken Falkenberry touched on the roster and what a great Job Jim Cook had done one it and was looking for replacement.

Secretary: Jim Rodgers No Report
Treasurer: Lynn Silvernale reported on Checking and Savings accounts.`1

Member at Large: Bob Michelle reported next two meeting would be back at the American Legion on Cave Creek. The Para Park cancelled all contracts due to covid issues for 2021. The next news letter will have all information on the Christmas party including meal information. Steve Kovacic indicated he had not received his newsletter so information passed onto Editor Mike Wood.

Public Relations: Don Henderson indicated 10/3/21 car show at Paradise Valley Community food bank 6300 E Bell Rd.

Membership: Jim Cook reported 92 households with 158 members and 86 thunderbirds.

Events: Carter Rodgers reported car show in Payson on October 8th with information to follow to those signed up. Palm Springs car show at air museum on October 30th. February "Dr. George" car show in La Quinta Ca. appears to be a go with more info to follow.

Inspector General: Tom Harris identified three 57's and one 56 and Lyn Silvernale was the lucky winner.

Old Business: None

New Business Elections were discussed

Split the Pot of \$69.00 went to Mary Lee Winer.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 A.M.

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