

# ARIZONA

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Christmas is always such a wonderful time of the year. We get to see friends, open gifts and enjoy some fine dining.

What some Christmas wishes might look like.

- 1. Don & Rosemary get a 427 motor for his Ford 300! and get their dog to mind!
- 2. Bev Lynch get all the rattles out of her 57 Bird
- 3. Ken & Virgina to sell all their stuff (antiques & T-Bird parts)!
- 4. Russ & Margie get a brake controller in the motor home.
- 5. Bob & Kathy have lots of get togethers with friends and family
- 6. Jeannie & Mike wish all holiday functions be at least a week apart
- 7. Steve & Debi get one of their T-Birds running
- 8. Ed & Kennedy not to run out of firewood at their cabin
- 9. Bev & Frank that the remodel of their house goes smooth
- 10. Jean & Paul have good health and finish unpacking
- 11. Denis & Mary Lee that more film festivals open up
- 12. Carter Rodgers that the weather stays cool so he can fly more
- 13. Jim & Sherri that their new house will go smoothly
- 14. Linda & Gregg have exciting trips and keep up the big smiles
- 15. Gary & Jamie don't get snowed in for the holidays
- 16. Chuck & Judy get lots of golf club chrome polish for Christmas
- 17. DeDe & Don get all their holiday lights up and win the award?
- 18. Lynne get her garage cleaned out, so she'll have more room for cars!
- 19. Howard & Joyce get lots of company and have fun!
- 20. Mike & Kathi can have two Christmas trees (one for each house)
- 21. Ken & Iva go to lots of car shows and win many prizes.



#### Danny Kim ACTC President

Danny Kim, President

Dear ACTC Member,

Time passes so quickly as we are already at the end of 2021. I want to take a moment to reflect on the past year which brought with it the continued challenge of COVID19. Despite all of that, this is the time of year to give thanks be merry for the many blessing that we have. I am thankful for the support and friendship that all of you have provided me and each other during these trying times. This is my last message to you as President of ACTC and I am also grateful for the opportunity to serve this great club.

I also want to give thanks to our board for their contributions in supporting the club. I could not have a better group of folks to work with and appreciate everything that they do for ACTC. We will be welcoming a new board for 2022 and wish them great success into the coming new year. More reasons to be so grateful that other members are stepping up to the board so they can carry on the torch and keep our great club going.

Here is the new board for 2022 all voted in by Acclimation:

President - Chris Ames

Vice President - Jacki McKee

Secretary – Yvonne Wagner

Treasurer - Rose Marie Busby

Member at Large - Bob Michele

Have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Years. Hope to see you all atour Christmas Party on December 10<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely , Danny Kim

### Nov 14th ACTC Meeting

November 14, 2021 9:05 A.M. meeting brought to order by outgoing ACTC President Danny Kim and the Pledge of Allegiance led by incoming President Chris Ames.

October meeting minutes were approved

Announcement by Effie Duquette that long time member Richard Kimler passed away

Hospitality: Yvonne Wagner noted that Rich Bialy's 95 year old mother had suffered a stroke and was not doing well.

Secretary's note that Rich's mom has since passed away and our hearts and prayers are with Rich and family.

Introduced new Member, Mark Janowski

Introduced those having birthdays in November and December.

Bev Lynch thanked Mike Wood for all his efforts in getting Bev's 57 up and running.

Ways and Means: Ken Falkenberry again reported he had Thunderbird license plate frames available.

Secretary: Jim Rodgers, no report

Treasurer: Lynn Silvernale reported on balance on checking and savings accounts.

Member at Large: Bob Michele reported on upcoming Christmas party and meeting options for 2022

PR: Don Henderson Noted by Pat Fenlon that the Good Guys show in Del Mar was a great success and great show

Membership Chairman: Jim Cook reported 97 households with 166 members and 91 Thunderbirds

**History: Dwayne Foster, No Report** 

Newsletter: Mike Wood had extra copies and thanked members for providing input to the newsletter

Events: Carter Rodgers and Yvonne Wagner reported on upcoming Progressive Dinner open to the first 40 people at a \$20.00 price tag per person

Respectfully submitted Jim Rodgers

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#### 2021 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

January 16th 2022 Club meetings will be at Buckhorn Elks Lodge, 6718 E. Avalon Street, Mesa, AZ. Avalon runs west off Power Rd. just north of Main St. is two miles north from U.S. 60 Breakfast \$16.00 each. Note 3rd Sunday

No club meeting in December

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.

PPSLA 3rd annual Superhero Saturday Car Show Jan 15, 2022 11 AM-5PM \$25.00 registration (deductible) go online to register www.superherosaturday.org/events/superhero-Saturday-ppsla

ATTENTION: Santa Cruz Car Nuts (formerly Tubac) is putting on a show in Green Valley in Jan!!!!!

#### PLEASE NOTE!

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



Members, it is that time of year again to fill out the membership renewal form for 2022. Dues are \$40 payable to ACTC via check. Please enclose your check and renewal form and send both to ACTC membership c/o Jim Cook 13429 S. 33rd St, Phoenix, AZ 85044. The address is also shown on the renewal form. To ensure that you are listed in the 2022 membership roster book, the cut-off date for receipt your membership form and payment is January 15th 2022. The following members paid their 2022 dues in advance when they joined the club in 2021 and do not need to send in a check or membership form unless some of the contact information has changed: Tracey Anderson, Roger and Patty Bartholomew, Wade and Carol Myers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jim Cook

at <u>jimcook800@qmail.com</u>, or by phone 615-495-6690.

## **December Birthdays**

Bob	Michele	12/1/00
James	Cook	12/3/00
Duane	Foster	12/6/00
Lynne	Silvernale	12/7/00
Maria	Prokopowicz	12/8/00
Tom	Wagner	12/16/0
Debi	Ulsund	12/19/0
Carol	Myers	12/19/0
Nancy	Kidwell	12/21/0
Don	Rebtoy	12/23/0
Walt	Howell	12/29/0
Thomas	Strabala	12/29/0

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Club member Jack Cooley needs a 670x15 bias used tire for his 56 continental kit 585-469-2177

FITECH Fuel Injection system complete ready to install less fuel pump. Upgrade your TBird and rid yourself of unwanted vapor locks, hard starts, etc. \$750.00. Satisfaction Guaranteed or money back! Jim Rodgers

# Veterans Thanksgiving Parade in Fountain Hills





Seven T-Birds were there to escort Veterans. Our club does the parade every year, spectators and Vets love it.

Handled by Gregg Thurston

**Thanks** 





## American Legend Hall, Phx

Jackie McKee reported on upcoming "Super Hero" car show in January where late husband Tom McKee will be honored. Greg Thurston reported on upcoming Thanksgiving day, parade where cars are needed to carry vets.

I.G. Carter Rodgers filling in for Tom Harris noted 2 55's, 4 56's, and 13 57 Lil Birds with winner going to Chris Ames in his 56 Bird.

Split the pot of \$84.00 went to Dave Mason

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

This being my last report as Secretary I would like to note that it has been a pleasure to serve as Secretary for this great club. I have had the honor of serving in every board capacity (sometimes 2 to 3 times) dating back to the mid 1970's and 2022 will be the first time I will be in the audience and observing letting someone else take the reins.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this club.

Jim









#### ACTC NOVEMBER MEETING continued from page five

Today was an ACTC, American Classic Thunderbird Club, meeting. I drove the '57 T-Bird. We had a big turnout today- 54 club members and guests, and 20 cars. There were 2 -'55's, 4- '56's, 13- '57's, and a 2005 Retro T-Bird, bronze color. I got a new Thunderbird license frame for the car, and had a nice time at breakfast, visiting with friends.

After the meeting, we were invited to a member's house to celebrate her 88th birthday! Jeannie always loves a party, and socializing with family and friends. Her daughter from Las Vegas was there, with her three dogs. We had a nice group together for the celebration, and had a delicious Mexican buffet! The cars were parked on her driveway, and looked good! I had a fun time, visiting with friends and meeting some new members in the club. Jeanie's husband, Mike has been working on our '57 T-Bird. He has touched up the paint and polished it, so you can even see reflections when you look at the car! I left it at Mike and Jeannie's house, so he can finish working on it. I was fun to drive it to the meeting today, so people could see the progress he has made so far. Looking forward to having it back home and in the garage again. By Bev Lynch





















# Article submitted by Don Rebtoy from Hagerty Magazine



#### How to read the sidewall codes on your tires

Today's tires all include the same types of information, much of it coded, so check reputable tire websites for the keys. (1) Tire type and sizing tells you what kind of vehicle it is for (P = passenger car), section width (not tread width) in millimeters, aspect ratio, the tire's construction type, and wheel diameter in inches. (2) The load and speed indexes reflect how much weight a tire can safely carry (99 = 1709 pounds), and how fast it is rated to go (H = 130 mph). (3) Treadwear, (4) Traction, and (5) Temperature ratings are based on each manufacturer's specs and indicate: relative durability—how many miles you can expect, in this case, roughly 22,000; how well the tire stops in a straight line on a wet surface; and how well a tire stands up to heat under normal operation. (6) Max pressure is self-explanatory but too often ignored. Inflate your tires properly! (7) The last four digits here show what week and year your tires were manufactured.

The last four numbers indicate the week and year of production. For example, "4317" means the tires were manufactured in the 43rd week of 2017.

If there are any cracks in the tread (or worse, sidewall bubbles), the tires aren't safe for anything other than a slow lap around the block. If they're only a few years old but worn down to the 2/32-inch wear bars, they won't shed water correctly, so avoid high-speed romps in the rain until you replace them. If they've got lots of tread

left but are getting old, it's a tough decision. Generally, tires have a life span of 6–10 years. Be pragmatic: If you use your car for high-performance driving, you can't afford to be wrong about tire safety. If its main use is low-speed drives to cars and coffee, the bar is lower.

Before you buy, speak with a specialist or look for websites that calculate tire sizes to approximate those you're replacing. All that's left then is to put the rubber to the road and go. **editor@hagerty.com** 

# Rich Baily & Marie on vacation in New Mexico area in their RV



















Find 57 Hub cap!

# Progressive dinner east side

Adult Beverages were served at Pat Cox's home, next stop was at Tom & Yvonne's home for the main course, next stop at Jack & Nikki's Casa De Musselmann's for delicious Sweets.































At wonderful time was had by all!!!

## Christmas wishes Continue from page one

- 22. Steve K keep all his cars running in top condition
- 23. Jim & Danny enjoy their new drive way and have lots of company to fill it
- 24. John & Nancy meet up with us at the Green Valley Car Show
- 25. Jennifer & Bret get their Bird running and meet us at other Car Shows
- 26. Tom & Judy get lots of new gifts for the new puppy
- 27. Chris & Sharon new double barrel shot gun for pigeon hunting.
- 28. Joe & Karen a free time share in Lake Havasu
- 29.. Jack & Polly new luxury recliners.
- 30. Blair, free house keeping for a year.
- 31. Doni free detail on her motor home.
- 32. Larry & Phyllis moving coupons from Allied Van Lines
- 33. Stuart & Jo two truck loads of gravel.
- 34. Warren & Kathleen Canadian dollar increase in value.
- 35. Jon & Juanita membership to gym.
- 36. Rose Marie new gold dancing shoes.
- 37. Michael & Patti new remote control snow plow.
- 38. Jerry & Mary tons of wood pellets for their stove.
- 39. Pat & Sam tune up on their player piano.
- 40. Jack & Barbara 50 gals of gasoline.
- 41. Pat C. a pick up load of brick and morter!
- 42. Connie D year supply of cleaning supplies.
- 43. John & Gail five free trips to everywhere, west!
- 44. Mike & Toni new jet propeller flying suits.
- 45. Effie a free round trip ticket to see her boys.
- 46. Pat & Angie win a free trip to Morocco.
- 47. Myrna & Duane trip to Hawaii to get new grass skirts.
- 48. Frank & Joan matching black snowmobiles.
- 49. Von reduced home owner fees!
- 50. Lynda a full years supply to pink car wax.
- 51. Lynn & Donna full set of designer cook ware.
- 52. Clarke & Wilma new set of rain gear in a thunderbird color.
- 53. Tom reduced property tax.
- 54. Wes special six month visa to Spain!!!
- 55. MO & David go to Hollywood for free make overs.
- 56. Steve & Marianne 100 glow in the dark golf balls.
- 57. Louis custom made black car cover!
- 58. Julia & Thomas free tickets to the Mining Camp for twelve.
- 59. Jacki orange convertible top for her Camero.
- 60. Jack & Nikki four hundred potted plants and trees!
- 61. Howard & Joyce two free custom car details.
- 62. Kerry & Jody a new set of tires for their Mustang!
- 63. George & Sherry a 10,000 square foot storage building.
- 64. Ron & Debbie twelve new super duty batteries!
- 65. Tom & Yvonne tour of ten craft beer shops in England.
- 66. Richard & Lynn have Santa come and decorate their house.
- 67. Douglas & Ellen weekend stay at the lodge in Winslow, AZ
- 68. Bob & Donna weekend at Kohls Ranch with hot tub...
- 69. Greg & Sochenda one hundred dollar gas card from QT.
- 70. Chuck Y. two dozen glow in the dark pool balls.



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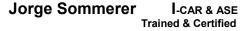


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