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JUNE

- The name June came from the name Juno, which comes from the Roman Goddess of marriage, childbirth, and love.
- June is the beginning of Summer whereas it is the beginning of Winter in the Southern Hemisphere (below the equator)
- The most popular month for weddings.

June has both the shortest and longest day of the year, depending on which hemisphere you are standing. Northern Hemisphere is the longest, and Southern Hemisphere is the shortest.

I was cleaning up my office and ran across some old newsletters from 1979. Well this brought back a fun trip to the Bahia hotel in San Diego for a Concours Show. I had restored a show quality Sage Green 1956 T-Bird for Bud Kennedy. This was my first Concours Show. I had done many custom shows but nothing like this.

So we decided to take Bud's Cadillac instead of his pick up because there were four of us plus cleaning supplies and luggage. Bud's Cadillac was not set up for towing, the rear was almost touching the ground, we turned the Bird around to get better balance. Ran out of gas in Alpine, CA (9:00 pm) of course all gas stations were closed, crap. A fireman came by and took us to a camp ground where we purchased some gas.

The next morning we put the car in it's spot for the show and we set every thing up, chrome jack stands, white fur carpet under the car, plus a custom mirror, underneath the car. It was a great display. We were setting back and having a cocktail when a judge came by and said you can't improve your lie, so get rid of the display. We jacked the car up and got rid of most everything, gabbed the carpet and pulled it out from under the car. We just finished when the judge starting reviewing the car. Hate to brag but I felt good about the judging, had a little trouble with Sue Smith about the radiator cap (it was a repro). I showed her the rule book and repro cap is ok. Jim Rodger's also got in her face about another rule.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Chris Ames is out of town on business so I will add some items.

Well, Covid must be almost over, our schedule is filling up fast. Looks like September and October are filling up with car shows and special events.

So if your car is not running right now, it is the time to get them fine tuned and ready to roll. Kerry's Auto (2 locations), Blackwell's Automotive and AZtech (2 locations) are good shops that work on our old cars.

Be sure to notify Jacki McKee with your shirt orders.

Bob our Member at Large, guy is working hard to get breakfast meeting locations, everyone needs to give him a big



hand.

Submitted by Michael Wood

May 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes at The Burg

President **Chris Ames** called the May meeting to order at 9:00 AM. **Doug Shearer** led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting minutes of the last meeting had no corrections.

Hospitality: *Yvonne Wagner* introduced Guest of Mike Doles, Richard Bursley *Richard spoke about himself and wants to join the T-Bird Club*, We sang "Happy Birthday" for May Birthdays Pat Fenlon is having a heart procedure. Keep him in your thought and prayers. Jennifer Kiley and Brett Williams won "Best Thunderbird Convertible" at the Fun Run on Route 66..

Ways and Means: *Ken Falkenberry* said that he has many license plate frames still available at \$10 ea.

Secretary: No Report

Treasurer: *Rie Buzby* reported on both of our accounts.

Member at Large: *Bob Michele* asked how the food was and members gave a round of applause. *Bob* told a joke. We had a good turn out for the Pavilions and plan to do it again in October Next meeting: June 12th at Rudy's BBQ, 1733 N Higley Rd, Mesa (Baseline and Higley). July back at the Burg. Christmas party all booked at the Embassy Suites. This year will be on December 11, 2022 - Sunday!

Activities: Vice President *Jackie Mckee* reported that today is Thunderbird Appreciation Day! No Run planned after the meeting because it is too hot. You should have received the Registration for the Run to the Pines show. Fill it out quickly as they fill up fast. October is a busy month, October 1, Sedona show, October 7&8 Payson Show, October 15, meet the Corvette club in Tucson.

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2022 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

June 12th (2nd Sunday)
Rudy's Bar-B-Q, 1733 N. Higley Rd. Mesa
(between Rte. 60 & Baseline Rd. \$14.00
per person

July back to the Burg on Union Hills

September 23-25th Run to the Pines
show is full, but you can still go up there
and enjoy the cars and cool weather.

Oct 1st Car Show in Sedona

Oct 7 & 8 for Beeline Cruise-In, Rumsey
Park in Payson. Jacki sent out registra-
tion in PDF form

October 20-24 Lake Havasu "Relics and
Rods" 43rd Run to the Sun show. Go on
line and sign up for the show. The Lon-
don Bridge Resort is where we stay.

October 29th is Thunderbirds at the
Pavilions, retro Birds welcome

November 11th & 12th car show and
dinner theater in Tucson. Show is
Christmas Vacation.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mike Wood	6/7
Stuart Cannold	6/8
David Mason	6/10
Pat Cox	6/13
Steve Kovacic	6/18
Robert Mock	6/20
Jim Rodgers	6/22
Virginia Snyder	6/22
Donna Sioles	6/24
Richard Witt	6/27

... ANNIVERSARIES ...

Chris and Sharon Ames	6/7
Myrna and Duane Foster	6/7
Don and Rosemary Henderson	6/9
Pat and Angle Fenlon	6/13
Mike and Kathi Price	6/18
Thomas and Julia Strabala	6/19
Joe and Karen Arredonodo	6/30

PLEASE NOTE !

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



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ping early).**

**WATCH FOR A NOTICE KEN
FALKENBERRY SELLING OUT HIS
INVENTORY, DEALS, DEALS.**

**Our Vice President Jacki Mc Kee, is
hard at work finding us deals on T-
Shirts (after the Regional she hates
T-Shirts) so a special thanks for the
effort!**

**Jacki had Danny send out a blast to
all members so they can view the
shirts available and make their
orders.**

**Keep your eye out for a stolen T-
Bird**



Any information contact Chris Ames

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Stu Cannold congratulated the club on their organization. Stu let us know that his T-Bird (e bird) accidentally caught fire, fortunately no one was injured.

Ex-Officio: *Danny Kim*, Not present

CTCI: Jim Rodgers. 2022 International Regional in Sn Antonio, October 25th-30th.

Website to register is up and running, a speaker from Mecham Auction will be giving a talk at the Regional. Room rate is \$195.00 per night. Jim spoke about his '32 Lincoln he recently acquired that was his father's when he was 11. Jim said documentation is so important on these classic vehicles.

Web Master: *Chuck Young moved to Tucson and Chuck Thompson is temporarily handling the Website. Need volunteer to take over.*

Public Relations: *Don Henderson, No Report*

Membership: *Judy Thompson*, not present but reported 79 households, 133 members and 76 T-Birds (12-55's, 21-56's and 43-57's.)

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Historian: *Duane Foster*, not present

Inspector General: *Tom Harris not present.* - Carter filled in for him. 11- 57's, 3- 56's & 2- 55's. Also one Retro Bird, One '51 Woody and a 32 Lincoln, in the parking lot. Winner Yellow 57 of Doug Shear.

Old Business: No Old business

New Business: Lynne Silvernale had shirts from Bonita Lilly that were available to take

Split the pot: \$86.00 - Jim Rodgers (and the rich get, well, you know)

Motion to adjourn by Bob Michele and seconded by Ken Falkenberry.

Meeting adjourned 10:15am

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Wagner

**THE WOLF
IS SHAVED SO
NEAT AND TRIM
RED RIDUNG HOOD
IS CHASING HIM**

Burma Shave



Back in 2020, while quarantined during “COVID”, I decided to build a small (N Scale) model railroad.

I had an old wooden table that I put wheels on and started “Googling” and “watching You Tube videos to figure out where to start. I also found a model train store near my house and the owner was very knowledgeable and accommodating.

I’m taking my time, with lots of pre-planning and designing, and documenting the progress. The time period is 1940’s and 1950’s. Lots of period vehicles and buildings.

PS. The wiring for the power and lighting under the table looks exactly like the wiring under the dashboard of a ’57 Thunderbird.

- Picture # 1 Starting out with a new table**
- Picture # 2 Marking where the tracks will go**
Picture # 3 Making some of the mountains
Picture # 4 Complete mountains
- Picture # 5 Laying the tracks, switches, road crossing, etc.**
- Picture # 6 The Train Transformers and lighting controls**
Picture # 7 About 1/3 done
- Picture # 8 Nighttime in my little “valley”**

Chuck Young has been working on a Mercury XR7 that he bought ordinarily and sold it some time later. He has now found it and bought it back. He took it to Jorge Sommerer, a professional painter (who by the way just refinished Jim’s 34 Lincoln).



We are all going to miss YOU!

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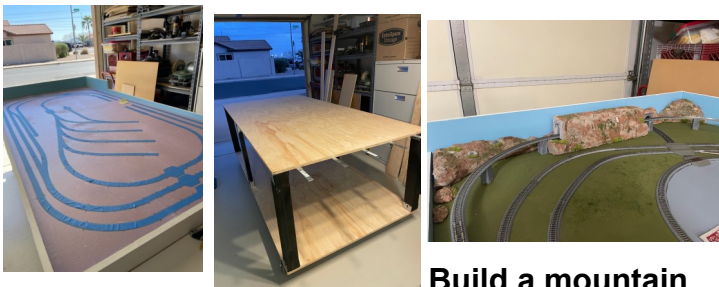
Judge looked under the car and said “you must have hit a cat on the way in”, there was some white fur on a spring shackle. That’s funny because we were entered in original towed class. Judge wanted to reinspect Bud’s car because of a tie. I found Bud in the lounge and got the keys just in time.

There were some wonderful Thunderbirds there. The Bronze Goddess came in in a custom trailer, driver had white booty’s and gloves. Chuck Dager brought his white 1957, Jim Rodger brought his Starmist Blue 1957 (which now belongs to Tom Harris), Ken and Virginia had their Dust Rose 1957, Jack and Betty Jordan with a 1957, Jim Shirly LaRocca with a 1957, Don and Rosemary Henderson, O.L. and Norma Henderson, Ivan and Donna Jepson, Carl and Marge Argabright, Bob and Ruth Bostwick, Buck and Ann Hoag, Randy Copeland, I am sure there were others but I can’t remember.

Saturday evening was the awards banquet, Bud was saying he doesn’t have any luck. Right, he won the raffle (a new 312 T-B engine) he also won first place with the Lizard (his 1956 Bird). After the Banquet we all went drinking and dancing in the lounge. What a great weekend!

Submitted by Michael Wood

Bob’s train photo’s from page five



Build a mountain

Layout now two levels



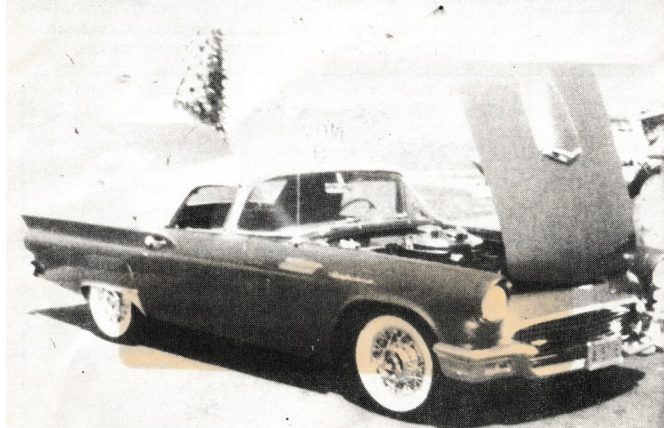
Night time in Valley



Thanks for the update “Engineer Bob”.



A “birds-eye” view of the Concours d’Elegance from the balcony of the Bahia Motor Hotel.



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November 11th-12th

**Car Show and dinner theater
in Tucson**

At our last meeting Stu mentioned that the Corvette Club in Sierra Vista would like to meet our ACTC Club in Tucson for a get-to-gather. We have chosen the date of Saturday, November 12th, 2022. There is a Knights of Columbus car show during the day for those who would like to show their cars.

(CoolKnightsshotcars.com) to register. Show is 9:30-am—2pm. Jim Rodgers will lead us to Tucson to meet up with the Sierra Vista Corvette Cub.

In the evening we will go to The Gaslight Theater for dinner and a show "Christmas Vacation"

7010 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson.

Show is \$28.00 and dinner is extra.

Email Stu Cannold if you plan to attend.

Send a \$28.00 check made out to ACTC to Jacki McKee.

Hotel accommodations will be forth coming.

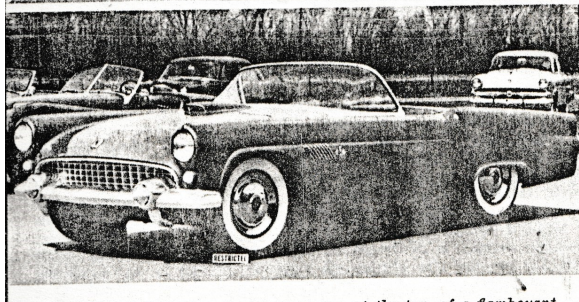
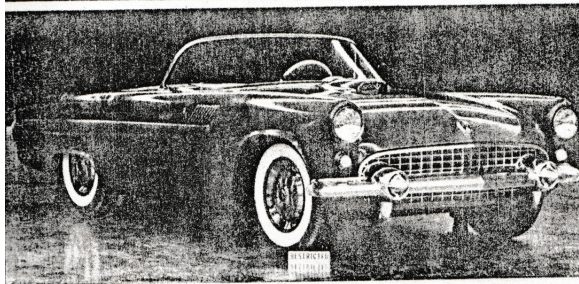
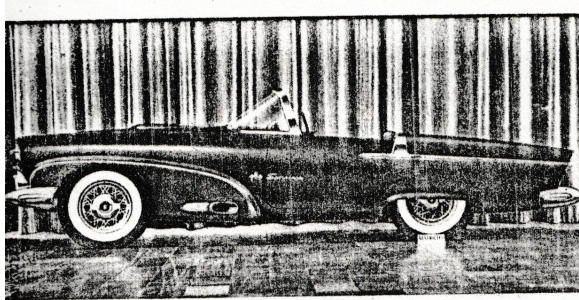
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NEAR AND FAR
THAT FOLKS WHO
DRIVE LIKE CRAZY
ARE**

BURMA-SHAVE

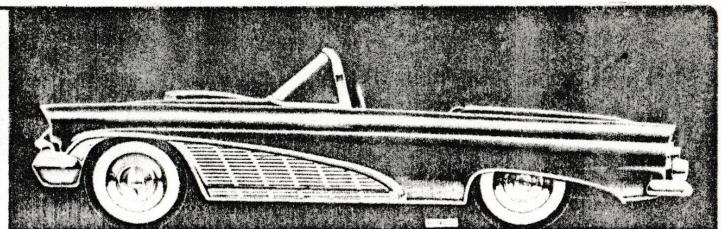
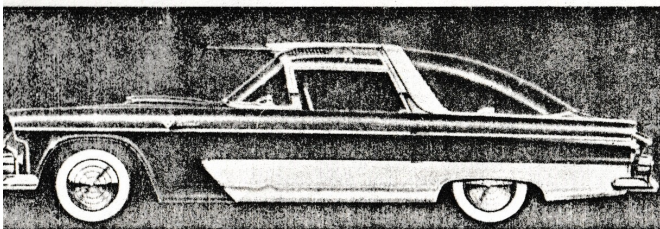
THE SHORT HAPPY FLIGHT OF THE EARLY BIRD

by Karl Ludwigsen

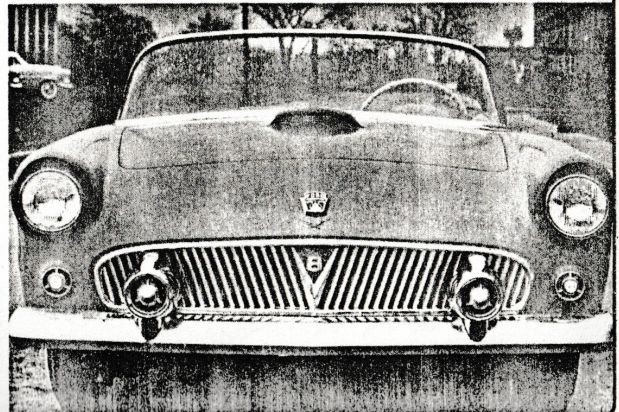
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How long does it take for a car to be recognized as a classic? Often a generation passes before a new wave of car fanatics bestows its blessings on the makes and models that were taken for granted a decade or two before. Sometimes the perspective of history is needed to separate the rare metals from the ever-increasing dross of automotive mass production. But it didn't take long to see that the original two-seater Ford Thunderbird was something very special.



As the shape of the first 1955 Thunderbird neared finality, designers were already thinking of future possibilities, above: a spectacular hard-top and a heavily decorated 1957 model. Meanwhile in a meeting outside the "EEE" Building Bob Maguire, gesturing, led a critique of a clay model in the early spring of '53. Several proposals for grilles were tried.



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