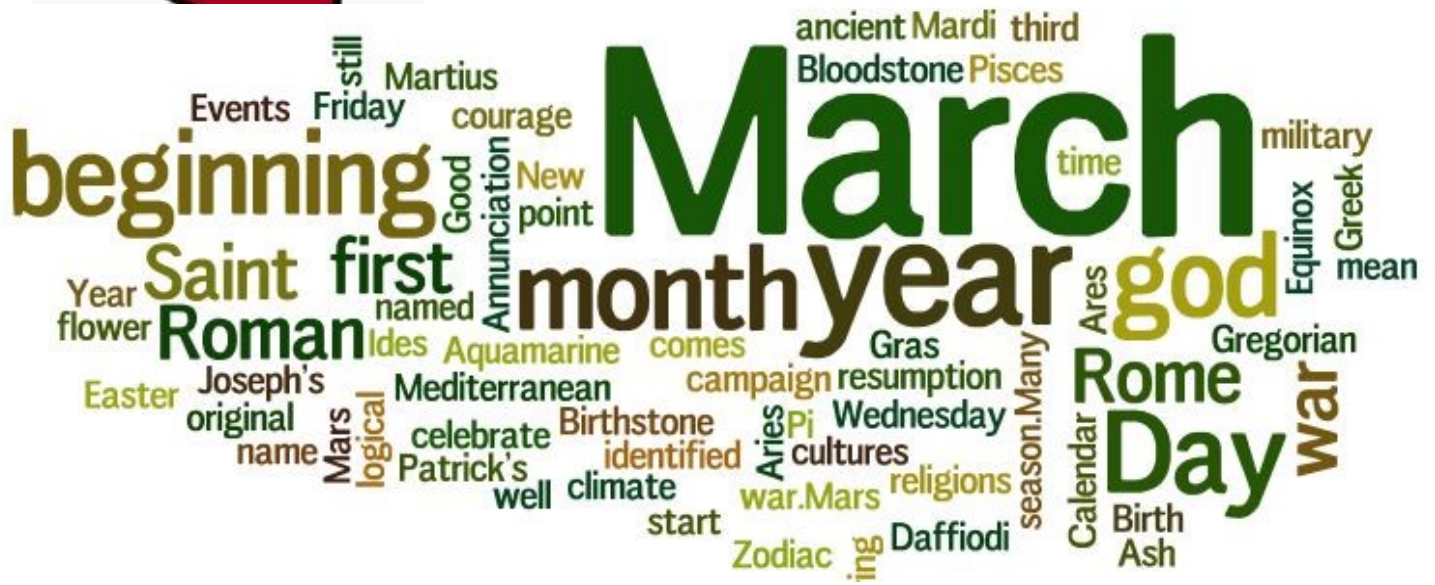




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March is the year’s third month of the modern calendar. March has been named so after the God of War, Mars, since the month has been the beginning of the campaigning season for the military. In the old calendar of the Romans, the first month of the year was March. Since spring’s first day starts with March, along with the vernal equinox, the month has been considered the commencement of new beginnings. January and February were added in about 700 BCE and turned out to be the first and second months in 450 BCE. Then March turned into the third-month calendar of the Romans. In both the Gregorian and Julian Calendars, March is the year’s third month and the second month out of seven months of the calendar to have 31 days.

It is also spring’s first month in the Northern Hemisphere and autumns first month in the Southern Hemisphere. March could be a dramatic month with occasional wilderness and ever-changing climates since Mother Nature goes to shed its winter fleece. Nevertheless, since the seasons’ transition from winter towards spring, March is the perfect month to analyze the special holidays, days, observances, and awareness weeks in this month.



Fellow ACTC Members

One of our traditions is the Officers Picnic, and I trust everyone is looking forward to the post Covid return to this outdoor celebration next month.

One of the traditional *driving* events ACTC has not done in a while is an ER (Economy Run). If my notes are correct, the last ER was in 2015 when Mike Wood and Rick Bialy took us up through the Payson, Pine, Strawberry and then Northwest on Route 260 to Camp Verde.

I suggest our next ER be a little longer and include more time and activities at the destination. If we drive a leg from Phoenix to Las Cruces, NM on October 23rd and then on to San Antonio, TX on October 24th, we will get there just in time for the CTCI International Convention. Talk about activities at the destination. We can put our T-birds on display, have them judged, and part of a large flock of Thunderbirds.

And for the time we spend documenting our fueling stops, we might just claim a record for the longest ER ever. Let me know if you are in on this. But rest assured that you are welcome along for the Convention.

One final point, I working to make our '56 a very economical car.

Regards,

Chris

ACTC February 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

President *Chris Ames* called the February meeting to order at 9:00 AM. *Doug Shearer* led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. *Chris* stated that the minutes of the last meeting were published in the newsletter, and there was a correction to the minutes in that the "Split the Pot" was won by *Lynne Silvernale* and not *Pat Cox*. After that correction, the minutes were approved. *Chris* spoke about recruiting new members. He spoke about CTCI and the Insurance coverage from CTCI.

Hospitality: *Yvonne Wagner* introduced new members *Chris and Roger Bartholomew and Carrole Wolin*. No guests. We sang for February Birthdays. *Chris Ames* thanked new member *Chris Bartholomew* for helping him push his car into a parking spot because his battery died.

Ways and Means: *Ken Falkenberry* announced the "Buck Hoag" winner: *Bob Michele*. *Ken* had no report for Ways and Means.

Secretary: No Report. Thanked *Jim Rodgers* for filling in for her in January. Treasurer: *Rie Buzby* reported checking \$3714.28 and \$23,005.55 savings *Chris Ames* thanked *Rie* for working hard to get the transition for her name on the bank account. She needed to have a copy of the Newsletter and list of current officers.

Activities: Vice President *Jackie Mckee* spoke about her request for shirts like the one we had at the Regional in Flagstaff. Wanted to see if anyone wanted shirts. Please contact *Jackie*. *Bob Michele* had the artwork for the Logo and will send it to *Jackie*. No activities as of yet. *Chris Ames* asked who was going to the Regional in San Antonio, TX, sometime in April. Please fill out and mail in right away.

Ex-Officio: *Danny Kim* said No Report .

2022 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

Gregg Thurston, reported on Route 66 Days in April .

ACTC Officers Picnic: Saturday April 16th (Sunday was not available)

Where: Pera Park, #1 Continental Drive, Tempe. Members arrive 11:30-Noon price to be determined

ATTENTION: From Jim Cook

Just a quick email to let you know that membership has been handed off to the very capable Judy Thompson, who I know will do a great job. Please direct any questions, concerns, Roster requests, etc. to her. Glad to see other members stepping up to take over rolls that all of us have been doing for some time. Thank you Judy for taking on this job. jbretthompson@cox.net



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer	Kiley	3/1/00
Lynda	Godkin	3/2/00
Richard	Bialy	3/4/00
Ron	Rietman	3/9/00
Debbie	Rietman	3/12/0
Patty	Bartholomew	3/15/0
Chuck	Thompson	3/18/0
Frank	Garrett	3/19/0
Pat	Fenlon	3/24/0
Bruce	May	3/24/0
Larry	Braasch	3/25/0
Don	Henderson	3/26/0
Joe	Arredondo	3/30/0

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mason Dave & Mo	3/6/00
Frank Denis J & Mary Lee	3/12/0
Lane Ken & Iva	3/17/0
Torel ED & Brenda	3/21/0
Wagner Tom & Yvonne	3/29/0

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



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but thank you, *Chris* for volunteering for President.

Jim Rodgers spoke about Carter and his new job. Cutter Aviation

Nikki Musselmann will look into the hotel and registration for Run to the Pines in Pinetop. Registration will coout

CTCI: *Jim Rodgers* is the Director of Region 6. He congratulated *Mike Wood* for getting a Bronze award for the ACTC Bird Chatter. *Chuck Thompson* wanted to ask people to volunteer to be on the Board. *Kathy Michele* asked about the 2022 International Regional in San Antonio, October 25th-30th

Web Master: *Chuck Young*, not present.
Public Relations: *Don Henderson*, not present.

Membership: *Judy Thompson* thanked *Jim Cooke* and *Danny Kim* for all their help in the transition. *Judy* reported that we have 77 households, 131 members and 75 TBirds (12-55's, 21-56's and 42-57's.)

Historian: *Duane Foster*, not present.

Newsletter Editor: *Mike Wood* reported that the newsletter went out a little late this month and he apologized.

We paused the meeting to have breakfast.

Meeting notes continued at 10:15am

Member at Large: *Bob Michele* asked how the food was and members gave a round of applause. *Bob* told a couple of jokes.

Next meetings: March 13th at The Hub in Mesa and April 16, Saturday at Pera Park (Officers Picnic). Cost will be determined by the board when they next meet. . Sunday, May 15th back at the Burg. Sunday, June 12 at new place, Rudy's BBQ on Higley just south of US 60.

Events: Saturday, April 30th 12-2pm at the Pavilions, and also Saturday October 29.

Inspector General: *Tom Harris* reported 14- 57's, 2- 56's & 1-55 in the parking lot, winner *Chris Ames* (Hard Luck Award as his battery died).

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Sunday meeting at the HUB

Duane Foster "Mr Flash" was right on the ball and was able to capture some cool photo's. Thanks. Also big thanks to the Hub and staff, good job, muffins were to die for! Mr " Member at Large" continues to use his detective skills to find use meeting spots.



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BARRETT-JACKSON ***1955-1957 Thunderbirds***

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>CONDITION*</u>	<u>SALE PRICE**</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
<u>1955</u>	Indian Red, Red/white Leather	2	\$ 34,100	Automatic, white hard top, power steering, power breaks, power seat, wire wheel covers, engine dress-up kit, and skirts, Frame on restoration with base coat, clear coat paint. Beautiful leather interior. 292 engine and automatic transmission were reportedly received complete rebuild. 12–conversion incorrect fuel filter.
1955	Goldenrod Yellow, Black/white	1	35,300	Manual 3-speed, white hard top, new soft top, power steering, brakes, windows and seat. Wire wheels and skirts. Fresh frame on restoration with a complete 12-volt conversion (including gauges and light bulbs) and an updated aluminum radiator with a new water pump. Additional features include white sidewall tires, exterior rearview mirror, and backup lights. The original Golden Rod Yellow, paint code V was a late introduction in March 1955. The new interior trim is black and white, code XA, with a distinctive sew pattern on the seats. Optional equipment in this T-bird includes a factory radio, which comes with the car.
1955	Torch Red, Red/white	1	46,750	This Thunderbird received a nut-and-bolt restoration. It is powered by a 292ci engine with a 4-barrel carburetor and a 3-speed manual transmission with overdrive. The car features all new chrome, glass and gaskets. Other upgrades include 12-volt electrical and AM/FM Bluetooth stereo.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>COLOR</u>	<u>CONDITION*</u>	<u>SALE PRICE**</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
<u>1956</u>	Peacock Blue & White 3+ Blue/white		55,000	Manual 3-speed transmission, White port hole top, power steering, wire wheel covers With Coker Classic wide whitewall radials, windshield washers, engine dress up kit. Older restoration, radiator frame not body color, power steering fluid reservoir not painted argent, undercarriage has dirt and fluids buildup.
<u>1957</u>	Torch Red Black/white	3	26,400	Manual 3-speed transmission with over-drive. White porthole top, wire wheels and a town & Country radio. The narrative states "new interior", but the photograph of the right end of the seat shows wear or poor installation. The Chrome trim around the grill opening is misaligned. The Bottom half of the radiator mounting frame is not body color. Undercarriage is not restored.
<u>1957</u>	Colonial White Red	1	42,900	Restored to original condition. Automatic transmission with overdrive. Red porthole hard top, white soft-top, power windows, steering, and seat. Windshield washers. Coker wide whitewall tires on wire wheels. Engine dress-up kit, and new Town & Country radio. The original wheels, tires, and radio went with the car as did a car cover em bossed floor mats, fender skirts, a rolling storage rack for the hardtop.
<u>1957</u>	Flame Red Red	1	44,000	312 ci engine with 4-barrel carburetor, 3-speed automatic transmission, Red porthole hard-top, white soft-top, power windows, steering, steering, and seat. Windshield washers. Coker wide whitewall tires on wire wheels. Engine dress-up kit, and new Town & Country radio. The original wheels, tires, and radio went with the car as did a car cover em bossed floor mats, fender skirts, a rolling storage rack for the hardtop.

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<u>1957</u>	Red & White + With Coker Classic wide whitewall radials, gine dress up kit. body and		\$66,000	Automatic transmission, White port Blue/white hole top, power steering, wire wheel covers windshield washers, en- Older restoration, radiator frame not color, power steering fluid reservoir not painted argent, undercarriage has dirt fluids buildup.
<u>1957</u>	Starmist Blue Black/white right half of not body	1	78,100	Manual 3-speed transmission with over- drive. White porthole top, wire wheels and a town & Country radio. The narrative states "new interior", but the photograph of the end of the seat shows wear or poor installa- tion. The Chrome trim around the grill opening is misaligned. The Bottom of the radiator mounting frame is color. Undercarriage is not restored.
<u>1957</u>	Colonial White Red hole dows, washers. wire wheels. Town & wheels, tires, did a car fender skirts,	1	42,900	Restored to original condition. Automatic transmission with overdrive. Red port- hard top, white soft-top, power win- steering, and seat. Windshield Coker wide whitewall tires on Engine dress-up kit, and new Country radio. The original and radio went with the car as cover em bossed floor mats, a rolling storage rack for the hardtop.
<u>1957</u>	Flame Red Red speed hard- ing, washers. wire wheels. Town & wheels, tires, did a car fender skirts,	1	44,000	312 ci engine with 4-barrel carburetor, 3- automatic transmission, Red porthole top, white soft-top, power windows, steer- steering, and seat. Windshield Coker wide whitewall tires on Engine dress-up kit, and new Country radio. The original and radio went with the car as cover em bossed floor mats, a rolling storage rack for the hardtop.

WINTER WEEKEND TRIP TO PRESCOTT

FEB 18-20, 2022 ITENERARY

This is an update to the email we sent out earlier, with times and we still have rooms available at the *Hotel Vendome* in *Prescott* listed under Yvonne Wagner, hotel phone 928-776-0900, or call Yvonne at 602-448-2962 for more details.

Our plan is to leave Friday Feb. 18th at 10:30AM from the McDonalds at *Carefree Highway* and I-17. Try to be there by 10AM so we can leave on time. We will go west on *Carefree Highway* across to US 60 (Grand Ave) and travel thru *Wickenburg* and on to *Congress* for lunch at *Nichols West*. After lunch at about 1 PM we will head up the hill to *Yarnell* for a planned stop at the *Yarnell* Emporium for browsing and shopping or just milling about. The Emporium has a varied inventory of quirky and not-so-quirky items for purchase, and is run by a couple of colorful characters named Ed and Ron. You're likely to find a thing or two of interest for purchase.

After the Emporium we'll head out the long way around to *Prescott* thru *Kirkland Junction* and *Skull Valley* and on to the *Hotel Vendome*. This hotel is and old hotel built in 1917 and has been refurbished a couple of times but still retains some rustic charm. We've stayed there a couple of times as a club, the last time was about 10 years ago. We have been by recently and it is still pretty much the same as it was in 2012. We'll plan on Happy Hour at 5PM downstairs, and then for dinner we'll have a list of possible places that we can go either as a group or separately that are close by and easy walking distance from the hotel. The hotel's location is just a half a block from the courthouse square, and there is ample parking in the front or in back of the hotel.

Saturday morning we plan to bring in breakfast so we don't have to leave the hotel for that, and then it's free time to partake of the Poker Walk that we are planning with stops for cards in various businesses around the square (You'll get instruction Saturday AM). Then it's back to the hotel by 3:30 or 4PM for another happy hour before our planned dinner at the Barley Hound which is next door to the hotel.

Sunday will be getaway day with no events or meals planned but we do plan on going to the T-Bird meeting on our way home at *The Burg* on Union Hills and 7th street. If you haven't signed up and would like to join us, we'd love to have you make the trip. Please make your reservation ASAP or call Yvonne to let her know.

-----Tom and Yvonne Wagner

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Members arrive 11:30—Noon**

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