



# **ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER**

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## **10 Thanksgiving Fun Facts**

1. The first Thanksgiving took place in 1621.
  2. Every Thanksgiving, the current U.S. president pardons a turkey.
  3. Macy's has put on a parade every Thanksgiving since 1924.
  4. Thanksgiving is the biggest travel day of the year.
  5. The foods eaten for Thanksgiving dinner haven't changed much since 1621.
  6. Americans eat over 280 million turkeys every Thanksgiving.
- Cranberries are native to North America.



### Presidents comments

While the entire *TBIRDS FLOCK TO TEXAS Convention* was impressive, I was most impressed by The Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa. When we drove in, it was clear this was a Hyatt property, but it portrayed a small welcoming venue. But we quickly understood that this Hyatt has not only a lot of rooms but a selection of sizes and facilities of rooms. Our functions were always in a Goldy Locks room. The tour buses that took us to the River Walk and the Alamo were not visible from the front but only a few steps away around a corner and behind some trees.

We were so pleased with the service that Mrs. Ames went shopping for a gift to leave in the room for the maid, who we only saw twice, but always had the perfect.

I believe there were 28 Concours I, 7 Concours II, 13 Touring Thunderbirds registered. Chuck Thompson, Trae Wood, Bob Peck, and I were assigned to Bob young's team.

We were privileged to judge an "E" and 3 "F" Birds.

Aside from an early morning rain delay, judging went off smoothly, thanks in no small part to Pocahontas and Walt Cole, who checked the scoring sheets as they came off the field.

There were 13 Chapters represented. ACTC was one of 3 Chapters that contributed \$500 to the Convention.

A final observation, conventions are a lot more fun when you drive your T-bird to them.

On a different subject, if you have considered serving on ACTC Board and would like to discuss it, give me a call.

Chris  
(602) 722-0749

## ACTC Club Minutes

October 16, 2022 @ "The American Legion"

**President Chris Ames was not present, Jackie McKee called the October meeting to order at 9:00 AM. John Dalmolin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting minutes of the last meeting had not been published yet.**

**Hospitality.** Yvonne filled the members in about Ken Falkenberry episode in Payson. New members, Brett & Susan who were not at this meeting. We sang to the people who with October birthdays.

**Ways and Means:** Ken Falkenberry, Not present

**Secretary:** No Report.

**Treasurer:** Rie Buzby reported on checking and savings accounts.

**CTCI:** Jim Rodgers. Don't forget the Regional in October 25-30.. Still time to sign up. 300 people signed up and 71 cars. CTCI publication "Tech Tips for the 21<sup>st</sup> century" \$8.00. Earlier this year they started up a Google group for tech tips.

**Web Master:** Russ Hanson volunteered for this position and told us a little about what he will be doing. More details will follow and Russ will fill us in when he is up and running.

**Activities:** Vice President Jackie McKee: Thunderbird High's Homecoming October 20<sup>th</sup>. 4 people signed up right now. November 11-13 Car show in Tucson and Gas Light Theater, 16 people going right now. Tom and Yvonne are leading the pack on Friday at noon. December 11<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Party. Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, Super Hero car show in honor of Tom McKee. January 28<sup>th</sup> Santa Cruz Car nuts Car Show in Sahuarita. Dr. George Car Show in Palm Springs in February.

**Public Relations:** Don Henderson, No Report

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## 2022 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

Be sure to answer Evite or call Bob that you are coming to the meeting!!!

Friday Nov 11 group to travel to Tuscan for Dinner Show and Car Show with Serra Vista Corvette Club

Friday November 11th is East Valley Veterans Parade staging 9:30.  
Call Theresa at 480 993 3555

Sunday November 20th third Sunday of the month Club Meeting:  
American Legion Post 107  
20001 N. Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix  
(just south of 101 on Cave Creek)  
Members 8:30-9:00 Breakfast 9:30  
\$15.00 per person

Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Parade 2022  
Nov 24th, Meet 8:00-8:30, parade starts 9:30 am sharp.  
Contact Thurstonfamily@yahoo.com

Saturday December 11th Christmas Party (special discount fee) Embassy Suites. Special room rates \$99.00 + \$12.44 taxes, Total \$111.44.  
Www.my-event.hilton.com/phxpves-act-2010c488-ea19-42b8-9035-a320f3ebbc9b/

### PLEASE NOTE !

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



### November Birthdays

Jack Cooley	11/1
John Upperman	11/1
Jeannie Wood	11/13
Myrna Foster	11/14
Wima Hamm	11/20
Judy Thompson	11/24
Rodger Bartholomew	11/25



Debi & Steve Ulsund	11/11
Lisa & John Upperman	11/17
Kathleen & Warren Boles	11/22

**Classic Thunderbirds at Thunderbird**

Rose Marie Buzby, Bob Michele, Don Henderson, and Russ & Margie Hanson brought their classic Ford Thunderbirds to the Thunderbird High School Homecoming Parade on October 20<sup>th</sup> as the high school celebrated 50 years since opening for the 1972-73 school year. Members of the Homecoming Royalty dazzled the crowd riding in the beautiful convertibles. The class of 2023 voted Zachary as King and Jessica as Queen and both looked great in the parade. Many Thunderbird students reported that this was the first time they had ever seen such vehicles in person

You can also view a video of the parade at:

<https://youtu.be/oe-NL1FqPsw>

**A DAY AT THE PAVILIONS**

On Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> a group of ACTC members came to the Scottsdale Pavilions to gather for some friendly chit chat and to show off their classic cars at the Country's longest running cruise-in.

Those who attended are as follows:

Rich Bialy & Maria Propkopowicz, Mike Doles & Richard Burley  
 Denis Frank & Mary Lee Winer, Ken Goldstein, Don Henderson  
 Ken Lane, Steve Long, Bob Michele, Jack Musselman  
 Howard & Joyce Nimis, Ron Rietman, Carter Rodgers, Jim Rodgers,  
 Frank Saccente, Bob Sioles, Jim Timmons and Charlene  
 Tom Wagner, Mike Wood

There were 18 cars in all. 12 Classic T-Birds, 2 Retro Birds, 4 Mustangs

I have reserved the club row (20 spots) at the Pavilions on April 29, 2023 & September 30, 2023. I have been assured by the management that if we have more than 20 cars they will accommodate us with additional spots facing the club row.

Set up and article written by Mr. Bob Michele

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**Mike 602-568-8140**

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**NIGHT AT THE PAVILIONS CONTINUED**



**Bob Michele**



**Denis & Mary Lou**



**Mike Wood**



**Rich & Maria**



**Bob Sioles**



**Jim Timmons & Girl Friend**

**NIGHT AT PAVILIONS**  
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**FRANK & Boys    KEN LANE**



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RICHARD**



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JOYCE NIMIS**

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HENDERSON**



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**KEN  
GOLDSTEIN**

**JIM  
RODGERS**



**Continued from page two****Newsletter Editor:** *Mike Wood, No report!*

**Member at Large:** Bob Michele told a joke, submitted by Jim Rodgers. All board members have agreed to stay on next year except Vice-President and Treasurer. We need volunteers. Please contact Ken Falkenberry. Day at the pavilions, Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. 12 to 3. November meeting is the 20<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. Christmas Party, Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. \$25 per person. Please sign up. Park. Details to follow. Bob told another joke.

**Membership:** *Chuck Thompson reported for Judy,* 89 Households, 153 members and 87 T-Birds, 15 – '55s, 23-'56s, 49-'57s

**Historian:** *Duane Foster,* no report.

**Inspector General:** *Carter filling in for Tom Harris.*  
*Count of the Birds for this meeting: 5-57, 0-56, 0-55, 2 Retros Mike Doles was the winner.*

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Split the pot:** \$78 – Mary Lee Winer was the winner (she also picked the ticket)

**Motion to adjourned by Jim Rodgers and seconded by Kathy Michele.**  
**Meeting adjourned 10:25am**

Respectfully submitted by *Yvonne Wagner*

Thought for the Week: *If truth stands in your way, you're headed in the wrong direction."*

**Some of us really enjoyed the Dr George Charity Show in Palm Springs. Saturday February 11, 2023**

**You can go on to Face Book Palm Springs Cruisin' Association  
 Entry Fee is \$55.00**

**More information will be coming soon.**



**Remember when!**



## Continuation from last month's Vapor Lock Article.

To collect fuel temperature data, I installed thermocouples at various locations on the fuel and cooling systems. The final four locations were: 1. The fuel line at the tank, 2. The fuel line adjacent to the carburetor, 3. the thermostat housing and 4. the return connection of the water pump. The initial data indicated the need to reduce the heat gained by the fuel as it flows from the gas tank to the carburetor, I looked for insulation to replace the 'loom' on the fuel line from the tank all the way forward to the connection to the flexible hose to the fuel pump, and then from the pump to the carburetor. I selected Insultherm from TECHFLEX, see figure 1.



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The Z-line from the fuel pump to the filter was not insulated from FORD so for the sake of authenticity, I replaced the Carbon Steel original Z-line with a one bent from Stainless Steel tubing which is a slower conductor.

With these two changes in place, the car has not vapor locked over the course of the last two summers

Chris Ames.



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**JUST A REMINDER**

**Sunday Nov 20th (third Sunday)  
Club Meeting at American Legion  
Post 107, 20001 Cave Creek Road (so  
of 101) members 8:30 Breakfast 9:30  
\$15.00**

**Christmas Party Sunday December  
11th at Embassy Suites Hotel**



<b>President: Chris Ames</b>	<b>602-722-0749</b>
<b>Vice President: Jacki McKee</b>	<b>602-361-4860</b>
<b>Secretary: Yvonne Wagner</b>	<b>602-448-2962</b>
<b>Treasure: Rose Marie Busby</b>	<b>602-993-5692</b>
<b>Ways &amp; Means: Ken Falkenberry</b>	<b>480-861-3742</b>
<b>Member at Large: Bob Michele</b>	<b>602-768-5710</b>
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**Meetings are smoke and  
cell phone free!**



# ACTC Christmas Party

## Menu Selection

### Choices:

**Pan Seared Chicken Breast**

**Grilled Salmon**

**Sliced Beef**

**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 (\$25.00 per member, \$65.00 per non-member)**

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