



ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

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The month is named for the Latin word *ferbam* which means purification. It is the shortest month of the year. The Welsh call February "*y mis bach*" which means "little month". It is the third month of winter. In the Southern Hemisphere February is a summer month the equivalent of August.

Two zodiac signs for February are Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) and Pisces (February 19 - March 20) The month has 29 days in leap years, when the year number is divisible by four. Viola (plant) and the Primrose are the birth flowers. The birthstone for February is Amethyst.

The month has 29 days in leap years, when the year number is divisible by four. The next leap year will be in 2016. Its birth flower is the Viola (plant) and the Primrose. February is Black History Month in The United States and Canada. In common years the month has 28 days. February's birthstone is the the Amethyst.



President, Chris Ames

Receiving the Congratulatory notice of ACTC's 50th Anniversary as Chapter 35 of Classic Thunderbird Club International was an illuminating event that raised the question, "How did that come about?"

Well Back in '71:

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Filed ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of ARIZONA CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB, INC. in the office of the Arizona Corporation Commission on the 30th day of November, 1971, as provided by law.

These Articles were SIGNED, and the OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION was affixed by Secretary WILLIAM R. JOHNSON, at the Capitol on the 30th of November, 1971.

ACTC's Corporate status is renewed via an annual filing with the ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION. Since 2010, the annual updates have been accomplished by Tom Wagner. That's today's history lesson.

Chris

2023 Reginal Convention

Next, let's look at a couple of future events, starting with Thunderbird Appreciation Day 2023, which I believe is scheduled for May 21, 2023, and is a day for any Thunderbird owners to celebrate these vehicles by driving them for the public to see. If this is the case, I suggest that ACTC send a letter to our Governor referencing ACTC 2019 Convention in Flagstaff and the Governor's welcome letter in the Convention Program Booklet. Then respectfully request that the Governor proclaim the date Arizona's Thunderbird Appreciation Day and suggest that ACTC could bring some Classic Thunderbirds to the Capitol for display and photographs. Let me hear your thoughts on this.

This year's big event is the CTCI Southeast Regional Convention on October 24-29, 2023, in The Villages, Florida's Friendliest Home Town. And if you have ever considered judging cars, I encourage you to sign up and learn from the experience. For the first two conventions, you sign up to work as a judge; you will be assigned to Special Items with a checklist that documents that items either do or do not work. For example, do the headlights light up when turned on, do they change from high beam to low beam when the dimmer switch is depressed? Does the horn sound when the horn ring is pushed? After a couple of conventions, you'll be ready to move to a higher level of judging. That's your home work assignment.

Check the CTCI website for all the details on the 2023 Convention.

Chris

2022 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

REMEMBER "DRIVE YOUR BIRD"

- Sunday February 12th** American Legion
Post 107, 20001 N.
Cave Creek Rd Phx
Members arrive 8:30
9:00 Cost \$15.00
- Sunday March 12th** The Burg Restaurant
751 E. Union Hills Dr
Members arrive 8:00
9:00 am Cost \$16.00
- Saturday April 15th** Annual Officers
Picnic Pera Park
1 E. Continental Ave
Members arrive
11:30-12:00 cost
\$10.00 per person
- Saturday April 29th** McCormick-Stillman
Railroad Park
7301 E. Indian Bend
Rd southeast
corner of Indian
Bend Rd Scottsdale
Members arrive
10:00 am ish

There is Railroad Museum and 4 very large model railroads along with other activities. No charge except for train ride through the park. We will leave around 11:45 am and head to Scottsdale pavilions (2 miles east) for our Day at The Pavilions outing. We have a complete row reserved to display our Thunderbirds and other classic cars.

PLEASE NOTE !

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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Connie Dager	2/6
George Randall	2/6
Sam Ciammitti	2/11
Tracy Anderson	2/13
Doug Sherer	2/17
Brenda Trapasso	2/22
Toni Doles	2/25
Howard Nimbus	2/26

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Susan & Bret Draughn	2/17
Mary & Stuart Wright	2/18



CLASSIC CLASSIFIEDS


1951 Chopped top Ford 2 door, 5.0 Mustang motor with AODE overdrive trans new ECM motor runs great, 4 wheel disc brakes, Appleton spot lights, large bubble skirts, Mustang seat, split in back 20 gal gas tank with new sender. Custom dash with Dakota gauges, electric wipers

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Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2023 – Rudy's BBQ

President Chris Ames called the January meeting to order at 9:00 AM. We all said the Pledge of Allegiance led by Tom Wagner. Chris asked for any announcements.

Hospitality: Yvonne Wagner introduced guest, Matthew Strabala, Tom Stabala's son & Justine Eaton, who is Austin's wife. This is her first meeting. We sang "Happy Birthday" to all the people born in January! Yvonne mentioned that Jean Fruscello is in hospice. Please send cards. Do not try to call, text or email.

Ways and Means: Ken Falkenberry told a story about his hometown Ava, IL.

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: Chuck Thompson reported the balance in the checking and saving account.

CTCI: Chuck Thompson not much to report. Listed the current Board. 2023 convention is in Florida.

Activities: Vice President Gregg Thurston had a list of possible activities for the coming year. He went through them individually to see if people were interested. He will send out an email of the list. He needs volunteers to spearhead some of these activities. Please go through the list and volunteer. The board was meeting after the meeting and going over the activities.

Public Relations: Don Henderson, wanted to know if people were interested in the Ahwatukee Easter Parade.

Newsletter Editor: Mike Wood asked if the people that were getting the hard copy of the newsletter were getting their copy. There were a few people that had not.

Member at Large: Bob Michele told a joke. The next meeting, February 12th at the American Legion on Cave Creek Road, March 12th at the Burg on Union Hills.

He listed other meetings that will be in the upcoming newsletter.

Membership: Judy Thompson thanked everyone for sending in their memberships. We currently have 88 Households, 151 members. 14-55's, 23-56's, and 49-57's.

Inspector General: Tom Harris was not present. Steve Kovacic reported the winner was Tom Strabala, because he drove with his top down. Count of the Birds for this meeting:

Old Business: None.

New Business: No new business.

Split the pot: \$97 – Don Henderson won.

Meeting adjourned 11:04 am

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Wagner

CTCI awards ACTC's Newsletter, Mike Wood with Silver Award.




Only can happen with the help of others.
Articles by Chris Ames, Photos by Duane Foster & other members.
THANKS GUYS

Celebration of life For Jean Bernhard Fruscello

Saturday 25, 2023 at 12:00
Reception to follow in court yard
Hanson Desert Hills Mortuary and
Cemetery 6500 E. Bell Road
Scottsdale, AZ
981-991-5800
Please RSVP to
janiedeangells@cox.net if you will be
attending

God has taken a very special angel to heaven yesterday. My beautiful and loving Mom has moved on to the spiritual world now pain free and in complete

and unconditional peace. Our hearts are broken  for our loss, but so joyous for her new journey she has worked so hard for. She will be forever in our hearts, she has touched so many hearts and loved so many people. In all of her clubs and ladies societies.

I'm sure you will find it hard to believe. But there truly are too many to list right now. Please keep our

family and her friends in your  hearts, thought

and  prayers during this heart wrenching time.

She was a pillar in our family so we are stumbling a

Route 66 Fun Run, Friday May5 - Sunday May 7, 2023

Below is (1) a summary of the plans and room reservations for the Fun Run in May, and (2) Attached is the Fun Run Car Show registration form.

1. Fun Run 2023

Friday:

We will leave Phoenix on Friday Morning at 8:30 am from the McDonald's at Carefree Highway and I-17 and will drive to Wickenburg, Congress, Prescott, and Seligman, (176 miles) eating lunch and picking up your Car Show Packets in Seligman. We will then drive to Williams (45 miles) to check in to our hotel, Travel Lodge by Wyndham. After a late afternoon cocktail party, we will eat dinner in Williams.

Saturday:

We will eat breakfast at the hotel and leave for Seligman at 8:30am. Once in Seligman we will simply drive through town and continue on down Old Route 66 to Hackberry for a brief stop and then continue on to the Car Show in Kingman, eating lunch in Kingman. Around 3 pm we will leave the car show and head to Lake Havasu to check in to our hotel, Studio 6 Suites, Lake Havasu. We will eat dinner in Lake Havasu.

Sunday morning we will eat breakfast at the hotel and then head back to Phoenix via Hwy 95 through Parker, then Hwy 71 to Hope, then Hwy 60 to Wickenburg, then on to Phoenix.

HOTELS: BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW, THEY WILL SELL OUT!! You can also cancel it later.

Friday, May 5, 2023

Travel Lodge by Wyndham, Williams AZ
430 E. Route 66, 928-888-9154 (Tell the hotel: Thunderbird group reservations)
King, Queen or two double beds, \$94.14 (includes tax) per night
If you cancel: Must cancel by May 2 @ 3pm.

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Studio 6 Suites, Lake Havasu AZ
928-680-0606, (Tell the hotel: Thunderbird group reservations)
1300 McCulloch Blvd (Across the London Bridge)
If you cancel: 48 hour cancellation
Queen Rooms, \$125, (includes tax) per night

Note: This trip is planned so we are leaving the car show around 3 pm. That should give everyone time to eat lunch and see all of the cars.

If you sign up for the car show, it is \$66. The application is attached. If you drive your family car or do not want your car in the car show, don't register for the show, You can do everything I have planned, park in a lot and view the cars in the show for free. I planned this trip to not have our cars judged and not go to the Awards Ceremony since the awards ceremony is not until sometime on Sunday and that would force us to stay at the show until 4 pm. and spend the night at Kingman. If you want your car judged and want to go to the awards ceremony, then you will need to find a room in Kingman and do not go to Lake Havasu with the rest of the group. I have never won an award at this show and do not like the fact that they have the awards on Sunday. I would rather enjoy the scenery and Old Route 66, and visit Lake Havasu, and not be forced to go to the awards ceremony on Sunday. If enough people do not go to the Sunday Awards, then I am hoping that they will change the awards to Saturday afternoon at future shows.

The registration form for the Fun Run Car Show is attached. (Driving old Route 66 and everything that we have planned is FREE and you only have to send in the Fun Run Registration form and pay \$66 if you want your car in the show.)

This will be a great trip with a lot of beautiful scenery and fun with your friends along the way. Make your room reservations TODAY! If you are going on this trip then let me know so I can stay in touch with everyone. I hope to see all of you on this trip. Going on some of these trips is the best way to get to know and have fun with your club members.

SUPER HEROS CAR SHOW

On January 14th, 14 of our club members and 10 of their cars got to for the annual Superhero Car Show. The proceeds from this show benefit Child Crisis Center and Families of Fallen Officers.

Bob and Kathy Michele, Gregg Thurston, Don Henderson, Rose Marie Buzby, Ken Falkenberg and Virginia Snyder, Yvonne and Tom Wagner and Doug Shearer and his son Michael displayed their beautiful T-birds. Wade and Carol Meyers brought their 1966 Corvette, Jim Rodgers brought his one of a kind 1965 Mustang Sedan Delivery vehicle and Jacki McKee showed her 2015 Camaro.

We met for breakfast at First Watch which was only a few blocks from the show and then caravanned to the show around 10am. We turned many heads as we 'cruised' Central on our way to the show.

It was cool or I should I say a cold morning but we all had proper jackets so we were fine. The show hours were supposed to be from 11 AM to 5 PM but around 2:00 many participant's were afraid of rain so the awards were moved up to 3:10 PM. I am happy to report that 2 of our members received awards, Jim Rodgers won best of show award and Bob and Kathy Michele won the Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club Best of Show.

JACKI MC KEE 602-361-4860



Yvonne at Parada Sol Parade



Heading for the show in Oro Valley



Jack and Nikki heading to the show in Oro Valley

Russ attached please see the photo of my son Michael and Daughter in-law Katie in my bird a day before their wedding at the Paseo on January 20th and the Superstition Mountains behind. It was a very special day for the whole family. Hopefully you can add this to the website if ok and the newsletter if ok with Mike and Chris. It would be wonderful to have them on the website and newsletter. I'll send another photo of just the car. Let me know. Doug Shearer



The fifth annual Arizona Concours d'Elegance returned January 22, 2023, presenting the acclaimed show and competition of rare and special automobiles at a new Scottsdale venue.

Previously held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort in Phoenix, the Arizona Concours took place on Sunday, January 22 at the newly renovated Scottsdale Civic Center, with about 100 vehicles presented on the grass between and adjacent to the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts and Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art.

The theme for the 2023 Arizona Concours was The Art of Aerodynamics, with cars ranging from the early beginnings of streamlined vehicles, including classic race cars, up to the most exotic supercars of today.

I entered my first car show at the World of Wheels in Phoenix when I was 16 years old with my 1936 Ford pickup. Later my dad entered his 1934 Lincoln in the CCCA regional event in 1963 where he placed first in his division. Dad was invited to the Concours de' Elegance at Pebble Beach but being self-employed in the landscaping business he had to return to work and declined the invitation.

You may or may not know that I was able to purchase dad's 1934 KB Lincoln after tracking her for nearly 60 years. I submitted the Lincoln in the Scottsdale concours as a tribute to dad and the late Del Beyer who was her curator for some 50 years until he passed away in 2017. She was accepted and the work began.

Preparation began months prior with making sure everything worked including the cigar lighter and clock. But the real experience was prior to the event when we delivered the car to the Scottsdale garage on Friday prior to the event on Sunday. Continual wipe down and cleaning continued until she was ready to go and was covered until Sunday morning. Sunday arrived and all 100 cars were aligned and ready to enter the show grounds at six a.m. Once on the grass at the Civic Center the 34 stood tall and was judged at 9:30 by three judges from all over the country.

After all was said and done I am happy to report that the 34 finished as runner up to a 100 point 1936 Lincoln that recently placed third at Pebble Beach. A great show but I have never been through a car show like this one with all the exotic cars of which some I can't even pronounce. The quality was second to none for the prize winners and the Best of Show going to well deserved Talbot Lago.

She is now retired and ready to be driven and enjoyed by all but her BIG show days are over.

Jim Rodgers



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JUST A REMINDER**Feb 12th 2022**

**ACTC Breakfast Meeting will be at:
The American Legion Post 107
20001N. Cave Creek Rd,
Phoenix*8:30-getting to know you
time
9:00 Breakfast
\$15.00 per person**

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