



ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

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April is known for beautiful spring weather, the start of warmer weather, and right about the time when the Easter bunny will make an appearance! Learn all about the origins of this beautiful spring month and even some knowledgeable history facts! We know it is the fourth month of the year, but that's only by the Gregorian calendar that we adhere to now. It was previously the fifth month in the earlier Julian calendar. April also only had 29 days, but a 30th day was added when Julius Caesar established the Julian calendar no one is sure how the month ended up with its name, but we do know the Romans named it "Aprillis." The etymology behind the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open." It's commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers begin to "open" or bloom.

Those who were born in April have a diamond as their birthstone, which represents innocence. Their birth flower is either a Daisy or a Sweet Pea. There are two zodiac signs in April. Aries, which is until [April 19th](#), and Taurus, which is April 20th and onwards.

In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the seasonal equivalent to [October](#).

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Presidents article

Fellow Thunderbird Aficionados,
While looking for some exciting owners of Classic Thunderbirds to ask for their support of Thunderbird Appreciation Day, I found an interesting video on *Jay Leno's Garage* website. It shows Jay taking one of John Travolta's three Classic Thunderbirds for a drive. The video starts by showing each of the three years of the Classic Thunderbirds in John's collection. John suggested that Jay drive the Thunderbird Blue 1955 model, and Jay enthusiastically took the driver's seat. During the drive, John and Jay talk about their first meeting on the set of the premier episode of *Welcome Back, Kotter*, which was John's breakthrough role as Vinnie Barbarano, one of the "Sweathogs." This role allowed John to get the car he always wanted when he was growing up. It was 1975, and John bought his first Classic Thunderbird, a Bronze colored 1955, for \$2,700. An observation on John's purchase price vs. the original selling price of the 1955 Thunderbird convertible of \$2765 (from CTCT's Website) is that it was 97.6% of Ford's selling price! I wonder how many 20-year-old cars sell for 97.6% of their original Price.

The link below will take you to the video.
[Jay Leno's Garage: Jay And John Travolta Take A 1955 Ford Thunderbird For A Cruise | CNBC Prime- Bing video](#)
Chris Ames



April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16th to April 26th each year. There's another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from [April 21st](#).

There are quite a few notable historical people born in April, such as Leonardo da Vinci, [Shakespeare](#), and Queen Elizabeth II.

On [April 15, 1912](#), the famous [Titanic](#) ship hit an iceberg and sunk on her first and only voyage.

George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on [April 30, 1789](#).

For all the car enthusiasts out there, [Ford](#) unveiled their first Mustang on [April 17, 1964](#), costing \$2,368.



2023 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

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

Saturday April 15th, Annual Officers Picnic (Drive your T-Birds) Pera Park, 1 E. Continental Ave, Tempe. Members arrive 11:30—12:00 Noon cost \$10.00 per person Food served 12:30

Saturday April 29th McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Rd (S/E corner of Indian Bend Rd), Scottsdale Members arrive 10:00 am ish
There is a Railroad Museum and four very large model railroads along with other activities. No charge except for the train ride Through the Park. We will leave around 11:45 am and head to the Scottsdale pavilions (2 miles east) for our Day At The Pavilions outing. We have a complete row reserved to display oue T-Birds and other classic cars.

Saturday May, 13th Luncheon at Detroit Coney Grille 6953 N. Hayden Rd, Scottsdale S/E corner of Hayden Rd./Indian Bend Rd Members arrive 11:30 am—12:00 Noon Menu: One Double Hamburger or two Hot Dogs. Each with fries and a soft drink.



PLEASE NOTE !

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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2023

Sherry Randall	4/9
John Dalmolin	4/11
Bill Dodd	4/11
DeDe Ross	4/12
Jack Musselmann	4/13
Judy Goldstein	4/4
Mo Mason	4/21
Kathy Michele	4/21
Paul Fruscello	4/23
Jamie Thompson	4/27



Chuck & Judy Thompson	4/2
John & Gail Dalmolin	4/3
Austin & Justine	4/3
Robert & Irene Mock	4/6
Chuck & Linda Young	4/9
Howard & Joyce Nimis	4/23
Richard & Lynn Stoneberger	4/27
Michael & Brenda Trapasso	4/2

ACTC Thunderbird Meeting

March 12, 2023 – The Burg

President *Chris Ames* called the March meeting to order at 9:00 AM. We all said the Pledge of Allegiance led by new member: *Troy Homewood*. Chris asked for corrections to the last meeting minutes, no corrections.

Hospitality: *Yvonne Wagner* introduced new member, *Troy Homewood*. Sang "Happy Birthday" to the people born in March. Jack and Nikki will be celebrating their 60th anniversary in July. Yvonne announced that one of our former members, *Rochelle Bestland*, passed away last Sunday. What is something good that happened to someone... *Danny Kim* will be taking his parents to South Korea to visit family. *Connie Dager's* grand daughter will be graduating from Embrey Riddle and will be hired by Honeywell.

Ways and Means:

Ken Falkenberry - No Report

Secretary:

No Report.

Treasurer:

Chuck Thompson reported the balance in the checking and saving account. All our books balance. Chris asked the board members to stand up. Chris made a motion to approve a \$500 contribution to CTCI for the Regional. All approved.

Ex-Officio:

Danny Kim said it was good to be back.

CTCI:

Chuck Thompson asked those who have not signed up to join CTCI that it is still available. CTCI Convention is in October 24-29th at the Villages in Florida. CTCI.org

Web Master:

Russ Hanson said that membership page is for members only at AZclassicthunderbirds.org. Please contact *Russ Hanson* for the password for the access to roster. There is a contact page on there so if you need a question answered it will be directed to *Russ* and he will get back to you. *Russ* also has made-up business cards and he will send you the file for you to print them yourself if you contact him.

Public Relations:

Don Henderson said he got an email regarding the Ahwatukee Parade on April 8th. We need 6 T-Birds. He sent around a sign-up sheet.

Membership:

Judy Thompson reported we currently have 78 Households, 142 members. 10-55's, 20-56's, and 43-57's. Retro birds, 1-2002, 1-2003, 2-2004, and 3-2005. Rosters will be on the website and if you have a correction, *Judy* will correct it on the website.

Historian: *Duane Foster* not present.

Newsletter Editor:

Mike Wood, said everyone should be receiving their paper copies of the newsletter. He needs more articles. He spoke to *Don Rebtov* and he is out of the hospital and living at *DeDe's* house. He also spoke with *Jack Betterton*, and he is not getting out much.

Vice President:

Chris Ames mentioned the luncheon their had with the *Mechum Auction*. If anyone wants information, contact *Chris*. *Yvonne Wagner* told everyone that the March event at *Saguaro Lake Guest Ranch* has been cancelled. She will look for something else later. *Gregg* mentioned the *Mechum Auction* on the 28th of March. He had updated information about the *Sanderson Ford car show* on Saturday, April 8th. You can google "Sanderson Ford car show" and it will tell you how to sign up. There is also a car show March 18th at *Kiwanis Park* in *Tempe*. Check your newsletter for more activities.

Member at Large: *Bob Michele* asked how the food was and gave an applause to the staff at *The Burg*. *Bob* told 1 story and 1 joke. The next meeting, April will be Saturday, April 15th at *Pera Park*... \$10.00 per person. Please respond through the "Evite" - April 29th day at the Pavilions, 20 reserved spots, but before that we will go to *Stillman Railroad Park* meet there at 10am. *Nikki* suggested that we have one of our regular meetings at the *Railroad park*. *Bob* will check it out. May meeting is on a Saturday, May 14th at *Detroit Coney Grill*. Trying to have another Saturday meeting at *Zekes*, on *Warner* and *McQueen*.

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Inspector General:

Tom Harris reported that there was 22-57s, 3-56's and 1-55. Prize winner was Rich Bialy.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Split the pot: \$77 - Effie Duquette won.

Meeting adjourned 10:21am
Respectfully submitted by Yvonne Wagner



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ROMEO MEETING

On Wednesday, March 9th 14 of our members met at Spinato's Restaurant for lunch, a few beers and an informative talk with Dave Morton, Director of marketing for Mecum Auctions.

Dave explained about the inner workings of the process of entering a car for consignment at the auction. He also discussed the bidding process and, most important to our members, trends in value for the different types and eras of classic cars.

Dave answered all our questions and related some stories of strange occurrences at the many venues of Mecum Auctions. He also handed out a brochure about the coming auction this March 28th through April 1st at State farm Stadium in Glendale.

Bob Michele



EASTER PARADE

Actc Members— The Ahwatukee Easter Parade needs three more Thunderbirds for their Parade.

The Parade is on Saturday April 8th. The line up is at 8:30 am at Warner Rd. and 48th Street. Tom and Yvonne Wagner, Ken Falkenberry and Virginia Snyder and Rosemarie Buzby are already signed up. Please contact Don Henderson at 602-622-3365 if you will volunteer to attend.

Don



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JUST A REMINDER

Saturday April 15th

Officers Picnic
(meet at 11:30 am—noon) or stay as
long as you want to.

Pera Park, 1 E. Continental Ave,

Tempe
Cost \$10.00 per person



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