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MARCH

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The month is named for the Latin word februum 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.^[1]

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.^[2]

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.^[3]

- March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation.
 - The name for March comes from Mars, the Roman god of war.
 - The Vernal Equinox occurs around March 20 or 21 st.
 - World Meteorological Day is celebrated on March 23rd.
 - In the Northern Hemisphere, March is the start of meteorological spring.
- St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th and is a public holiday in Ireland.
 - March was the first month in the Roman calendar.
 - Daylight Savings Time starts in March.



OTHER SIDE OF THE PORTHOLE

Well, I trust we all survived the auctions around the valley in January but if not, Mecum's will be in town March 5th to the 9th for your viewing enjoyment.

The following was lifted from "Roadrunner" newsletter of the Palm Springs Classic Thunderbird Club who agreed to let me share with you as it is critical to the future of our hobby. I was not a happy camper when I read this and of course the California folks are outraged but trust me, if it starts there it will be in your town faster than you can change the oil in your Lil Bird!

Travel for Classic Cars

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ACTC

JANUARY 7, 2024 – MEETING MINUTES -RUDY'S BBQ

Jim Rodgers, our new president for 2024, called the meeting to order at 9:00am. *Tom Wagner* lead the Pledge of Allegiance. *Jim Rodgers* said that 41 years ago was the first time he stood up in front of a T-bird meeting. He called off a lot of other T-Bird members that have been around that long as well.

Hospitality: *Yvonne Wagner* announced some of the members are sick and she had cards for everyone to sign for them: *Virginia Snyder*, *Lynne Silvernale*, *Connie Dager* and *Ken Falkenberry*. She mentioned that it would be a nice touch if we all would send a card or a call to some of the T-Bird members if you think of them. You never know, they might need that at that specific time. We sang Happy Birthday to the December and January babies.

Secretary: *Yvonne Wagner* - No Report.

Treasurer: *Chuck Thompson* reported the balance in the checking and saving account. All our books balance.

Ex-Officio: *Danny Kim* - No Report

CTCI: *Chuck Thompson* - Chuck is now the CTCI president for 2024. Not much going on yet but they are planning the next Regional in Des Moines, IA

Web Master: *Russ Hanson* - Not present

Public Relations: *Don Henderson* - No Report

Membership: *Judy Thompson* reported we currently have 55 Households, 95 members. Please fill out the membership form with dues and send it to Judy by January 15th.

Historian: *Duane Foster* no report.

Newsletter Editor: *Mike Wood* no report

Vice President: *Bob Michele* (newly elected for 2024), Told a joke as the new VP, he also told us about a few Car shows in February, Contact *Bob Michele* if you are interested in the details.

Member at Large: *Bob* told a joke, mentioned upcoming meetings: February 11th -American Legion Post 107, March 10th- The Burg, March 30th is the Day at the Pavilions, April Picnic/luncheon, still to be determined, May 19th -George's Café on Thunderbird in Sun City. Please see the newsletter for more details.

Inspector General: *Tom Harris* was not present. *Carter Rodgers* presented the award to *Wade Myers*. There were only 3 cars - 2-56s and 1-57. (it was raining)

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Split the pot: \$75 - winner *Jim Rodgers*

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

Respectfully submitted by *Yvonne Wagner*

2024 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

DRIVE YOUR "BIRD"

Sunday Feb 11th American Legion Post
107, 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix
members arrive 8:30 am—9:00 am
Breakfast served at 9:30

Sunday March 10th The Burg, 751 E.
Union Hills Dr, Phoenix
Members arrive 8:00 am—8:30 am
Breakfast served at 9:00 am

Saturday March 30th
Day at Pavilions McDonalds parking lot,
Indian Bend Rd. west of 101 freeway
11:30 to when ever

April Officers picnic still open

May 19th George's Café on Thunderbird
in Sun City more details to follow



PLEASE NOTE !

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



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Kiley	3/1
Richard Bialy	3/4
Sylvia Mock	3/6
Robyn Dodd	3/8
Ron Rietman	3/9
Julia McCoy	3/10
Debbie Rietman	3/12
Chuck Thompson	3/18
Pat Fenlon	3/24
Larry Braasch	3/25
Don Henderson	3/26
Joe Arredondo	3/30
Russ Hanson	3/31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jon Braemer	
Marilyn Miller	3/3
David/Mo Mason	3/6
Dave/Sylvia Mock	3/6
Denis Frank	
Mary Lee Winer	3/12
Ken/Iva Lane	3/17
Ed/Kennedy Torel	3/21
Richard/Shirley Bursley	3/27
Tom/Yvonne Wagner	3/29



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

It's in process so big savings can be had. \$29,000 Mike Wood 602-568-8140

1957 White Thunderbird with both tops, title shows 35K, runs great, 5 new wide white walls \$39,000 or OBO Mike Wood 602-568-8140

Body shop tools/equipment for sale, call for needs Mike 602-568-8140

Tom Harris 1957 Star Mist blue Thunderbird will be for sale soon, A/C and AOD transmission



Well we all know that Jim & Sherri Rodgers moved into to a a new home (WOW). During the move Camryn found an old picture of one of my cars (pick-up) the car was given to me by Bud Kennedy, Jeannie's two kids drive it all through college and wore it out. It was a 72 Ford Mustang coupe (Sprite of American model) very rare, I was going to restore it but the American flag interior material was not available. So I decided to covert the Mustang into a mini pick-up, cut roof & moved it forward modified quarter panels and installed a varnished wood floor and a golf door on right side. Hi-pro 289 A/T. This was going to make a great shop truck for my restoration shop. But, Bud brought a customer of his to see it. He loved it and made me sell it to him and paint it BMW orange. We named it" MUSTCHRO"



**P.S. GOT STOPPED BY CHP DRIVING-
ING 100 + ON MY WAY TO YUMA. HE
JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHAT IT
WAS, LUCKY ME. NO TICKET!!!**

ACTC MEMBERS LEND A HELPING HAND

On Saturday January 27th, a few ACTC members gathered at Ken Falkenberry and Virginia Snyder's house to categorize and attempt to sell Ken's extensive collection of Tri-5 T-Bird parts, manuals and memorabilia.

Jim Cook, Don Henderson, Bob Michele, Jack Musselman, Jim Rodgers, Doug Shearer, Gary & Jamie Thompson, Jim Timmons and Mike Wood all pitched in to make this happen.

I had spoken to a guy who was interested in buying the entire lot of parts as well as Ken's beloved "pink" T-Bird.

Early on, we all realized what a daunting task this was going to be. Box by box was uncovered and methodically searched. The knowledgeable group was able to sort through what was trash and what was treasure. There were parts spread out all over the garage, driveway and even the front lawn. To make matters worse, one of the interested parties backed out.

ACTC members Jennifer Kiley and her husband Bret Williams from Payson had expressed interest in the 57 T-bird. They arrived in the middle of our parts show to take a closer look at the baby bird.

It was soon lunchtime so the gang took a break and settled down for well earned pizza and beverages.

Another person had expressed an interest in the T-Bird and was expected to contact Gary & Jamie with an offer that afternoon.

On a lark, I contacted a friend, Charles Spenser who owns Charly's Garage, a hot rod restoration shop and asked if he was interested in the parts collection. He said he was and would come to look it over later that afternoon.

Gary, Jamie and I hung around with Virginia waiting on the parts guy to show up. Around 3:30 pm the guy interested in the T-Bird called with his offer. It would be presented to the family for consideration.

At around 4:00 pm Tom & Yvonne Wagner showed up to lend moral support at the same time as Charles arrived. After going through the hundreds, if not thousands of parts, he made an offer. The offer was accepted. Charles, along with his two sons loaded everything into his very large pickup truck.

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After a few texts, several phone calls and some discussion with the family, it was decided to present any and all offers to Ken's family on Sunday afternoon. The family accepted the offer from Jennifer and Bret. The beloved Dusk Rose 57 will stay in the Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club. Everyone agreed that it was a "win-win."

Submitted by Bob Michele & Jamie Thompson



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California Looking to Restrict California Looking to Restrict Travel for Classic Cars

The state is looking at instituting “zero-emission zones” soon.

The state of California is looking seriously at instituting or allowing local governments to institute zero-emission zones in the near future. In preparation for such a move, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) reportedly is gathering information about classic cars and how their owners use them. We knew something like this was coming to the US and California would likely be first, followed by other states such as New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and Washington.

According to a Daily Caller report, on August 2 CARB sent a survey to owners of classic cars from model year 1978 or earlier. The questions were aimed at ascertaining how those classics are used and stored, as well as where they're driven. It even asks about how many miles show on owners' odometers. Knowing how increasingly authoritarian many government agencies seem to be trading, this is concerning to many car enthusiasts who still live in the Golden State.

Back in the day, California was arguably the epicenter of cool car culture with many legendary brands, builders, and other hobbyists emerging from the state. That all emerged at a time when individual expression, not institutionalized expression, reigned supreme. Unfortunately, that looks to be going the way of the dodo before long.

Daily Caller also points out how CARB issued a report back in 2019 suggesting the state should allow “local jurisdictions to create zero-emissions zones.” If that sounds a little too similar to the ULEZ zones that have taken over all of London's boroughs in the UK, with plate readers fining people daily for violations, you're not alone.

California car culture already isn't what it used to be but is still amazing. However, moves like this could accelerate the current trajectory.

Of course, the justification for full-on banning older cars from certain areas or making the owners pay a daily fee to drive there is climate change. After seeing the amount of emissions by private jets, cruise ships, EV mining/production, Space X rockets, and many other things that are widely celebrated, defended, and/or enjoyed one can't help but feel cynical about these mounting restrictions.

But California has a net-zero carbon emission goal set for 2045 and so we can expect even more restrictions on the horizon. We hope it doesn't get to the point authorities go door to door looking for class cars to seize and crush, but the mere mention of zero-emission zones would have been dismissed as crazy conspiracy theory only a few short years ago.

Last but not least do try to attend this month's meeting as we will have a special event and presentation to a very special person.

Until then remember: If it runs, drive it

Jim Rodgers

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MEMORIES



Tempe Park picnic



Palm Spring Air Show



ACTC's own Army



Wes Henderson's shop



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**ACTC Breakfast Meeting will be at:
The American Legion Post 107
20001N. Cave Creek Rd,
Phoenix*8:30-getting to know you
time
9:30 Breakfast
\$16.00 per person**

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