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June June June
June 2024 June

the year in Julian and Gregorian calendars. And

although mid summers day is celebrated in June, there's plenty more sunny summers days to go. Take a look below for 15 amazing and interesting facts about June.

1. June was June is the sixth month and half way through called the "sera monath" (also known as dry month) by the Anglo-Saxons.
2. In the UK, June is celebrated as the national smile month.
3. The month of June is believed to be named after Juno the Greek goddess.
4. The 5th of June is the World Environment Day, which raises awareness about our environment across the planet. Other famous days in June includes National Indigenous Peoples Day on the 21st of June and Midsummer day on the 24th of June.
5. June is the month of the year that consists of the most daylight hours in the Northern hemisphere. In contrast, it consists of the least daylight hours in the Southern hemisphere.
6. Wimbledon, the famous English tennis tournament, is played in the month of June.
7. Sweden celebrates its national holiday known as Flag Day on the 6th of June.
8. Rose is the birth flower of June.
9. The 7th June is the national chocolate ice cream day. It is a great opportunity to go out and enjoy some delicious chocolate ice cream!

Information: Tons of Facts



**Jim Rodgers,
President
602-300-5792**

Fellow T-Birders Young and Old!
June is here and already Hot as Hell!
I read newsletters from other clubs across the country and they are so looking forward to the spring and summer months so they can drive their Lil Birds and here we are ready to put them on blocks until October. One thing I recommend if you don't plan on driving your car (any vehicle) is be sure to treat the fuel with Sta-Bil fuel additive or some other equivalent to retain the optimum efficiency of the fuel. Today's fuels are very poor at best and if not treated in as little as thirty days the fuel will start to gum up the tank, lines and carburetor so plan ahead because if you don't it is expensive to repair.

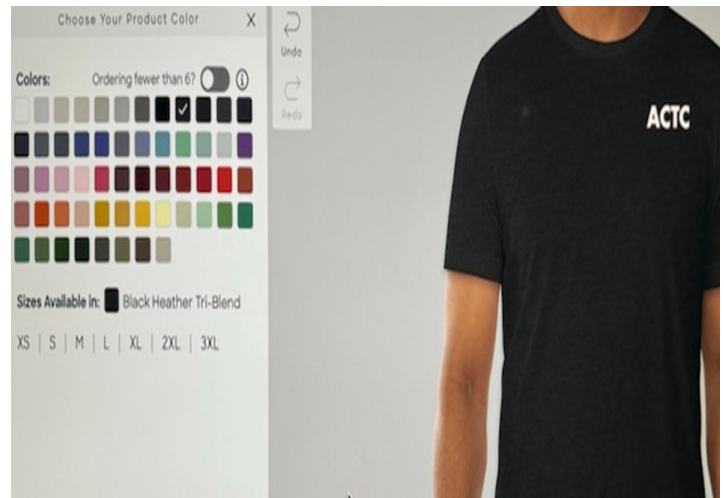
If you have been at the last couple of meetings you know that our very own Austin Eaton has designed a T-Shirt for the club to purchase which is very cool to say the least. I have agreed to investigate the idea of purchasing as a club but need some information from the members. If you are interested, I would ask that you let me know by June 14, 2024 if you want to purchase. I can be reached at 602 300 5792 or iamjr1@cox.net. I will need the following information: Size, quantity, color, short sleeve, long sleeve, T-Shirt or Polo/Golf shirt. This is a great looking shirt and we as a club have not had club shirts in several years so let's get in the spirit of the club and have some fun at our outdoor events.

If you belong to CTCI you probably have received your May/June Early Bird and if so, check out page 15. There you will see an article by Kerry Kravik promoting the Ford Johnson and Ron McCloud trophy at the upcoming CTCI International Convention in Des Moines, Iowa August 20-25, 2024. The significance here is that the line up of cars is from our very own car-

van while headed to our Saguaro Ranch weekend a few years ago.

Stay close to the pool and out of the heat as it is a killer and remember, "If it runs, drive it". When cool.

Austin Eaton—Tee shirts??



2023 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

June Meeting

Saturday June 8th members arrive between
11:30 am & 12:00 noon

Location Detroit Coney Grille
6953 N. Hayden Rd, Scottsdale S/W corner
of Hayden Rd. and E. Indian Bend Rd.

After checking in you will receive a ticket
that you will present to the staff when you
order your lunch

The lunch choices are either one double
hamburger or two hot dogs. Both choices
come with French Fries and a fountain drink.
Cost \$17.00 per person. After lunch some
of us are going to the Pavilions, just about
1 mile east on Indian Bend Rd.

July Meeting

Sunday July 14th at Rudy's BBQ 1733 N.
Highly Road, Gilbert
East side of Higley Rd. between US 60 &
Baseline Rd.

Members arrive between 8:30 am—9:00 am
Breakfast served at 9:30 am.
Buffet breakfast cost is \$15.00 per/person



PLEASE NOTE !

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



Mike Wood	6/7
Stuart Cannold	6/8
David Mason	6/10
Pat Cox	6/13
Wade Myers	6/15
Steve Kovacic	6/18
Jim Rodgers	6/22
Virginia Snyder	6/22
Donna Sioles	6/24
Stewart Wright	6/29

ANNIVERSAIRES

Walt & Lynne Bonneau	6/6
Chris & Sharon Ames	6/7
Duane & Myrna Foster	6/7
Don & Rosemary Henderson	6/9
Pat & Angie Fenlon	6/13
Mike & Kathi Price	6/18
Tom Strabala & Julia McCoy	6/19
Howard & Shirley Goldman	6/26
Joe & Karen Arredondo	6/30

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.
\$20,000 Mike Wood 602-568-8140**

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

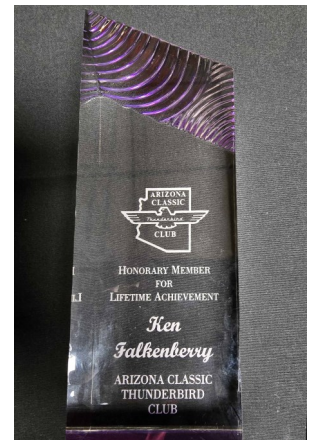
**1955 Retro Bird "Angry bird" for sale with all extras including trailer
\$82,000 Mike 602-568-8140**

Custom T-Bird hard top hoist-crank system \$200 call Mike Wood 602 568 8140



**1956 Thunderbird, white both tops, needs body work and assembly
\$7500.00 belongs to the Stu Cannold, but call Mike Wood for info 602-568-8140**

Virgina Snyder receives the annual Buck Hoag award from Jim Rodgers and Chuck Thompson For Ken Falkenberg's dedication to ACTC



APRIL 21ST, TECH DAY AT REC CENTER OF SUN CITY



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ROMEO & LADIES WHO LUNCH

Had a change up this month Jeannie Wood decided that parties at our house have almost stopped, so what can we do about it?

LETS HOST THE LUNCH BUNCH
27 of our favorite people.

April 24th we had the Birders over for lunch of pizza and sandwiches and a special salad by Bev Saccente. Conversation, wine and Ken Falkenberry's favorite beer (Coors Banquet) was enjoyed by all. Our plan was Ladies inside men outside, so no secrets would be let out of the bag. However it was a little warm, but the real men went outside anyway. Stu & Joe Cannold (members) came up from Sierra Vista.



Photos by Austin Eaton, article by Wood

KEN'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

April 27th Saturday evening our Thunderbird Club had a party for Ken. Ken had a wonderful life, full of working at many management jobs and playing with Thunderbirds, he also traveled the US for the Great Race. Ken and Virginia had 25+ years together full of tours in his beloved Pink Thunderbird, Ken was the Ambassador for Thunderbirds, helped everyone with parts, advice and loved taking photo's of ladies setting in his car looking out the port holes. Jennifer and Brett (our Payson members) purchased Ken's Pink Bird and plan to continue Ken' tradition. Virginia and friends put on a great spread of snacks, and adult beverages. We will miss you very much

KEN



Photos by Austin Eaton, article by Wood

TECH DAY

On Sunday April 21st, at 9:00 am, 26 men and 2 women from our club met at the Sun City Recreation Center (SCRC) automotive shop that is run by the Sun City Vintage Car Club.

The technical portion of our day was filled with Don Henderson expertly demonstrating how to perform a valve adjustment on Chuck Thompson's '57 TBird. He was assisted by Carter Rodgers who cleaned and resealed the valve covers.

Don then demonstrated how to "charge" an A/C system on both Jim Rodgers and Chuck Thompson's '57 Birds.

Then, the 2 members of the Sun City Car Club who opened the shop for us, took all of us on a guided tour of their facility. It is the most complete facility that most of our members have ever seen. Also, the cleanest!

At Noon, we broke for lunch. The Rec Center has a meeting room that easily accommodated us for a sit down lunch. I had made arrangements with George's Waterview Café to provide lunch for us and everyone I talked to said the food was great.

After lunch, Chris Ames gave a lecture on the water pump spacer that he designed that helps prevent overheating in the T-Birds.

Then, Jim Timmons gave a comprehensive lecture, with visual aids, on the judging standards of CTCI and then performed judging on a few of the members cars. Walt Bonneau trailered his '57 TBird from Yuma so that the judging could determine where, if anything, he needed to make corrections. I don't think the judges found to much wrong with his beautiful '57 T-Bird.

As a thank you to the Sun City Club, ACTC donated \$250.00 for them to use as they see fit for their facility.

I believe our Tech Day was a complete success.

Bob Michele

Tech tips—Dying Vinyl

Step 1: The first step in dyeing any vinyl product is to thoroughly clean it with PPG # UK 403 Vinyl cleaner. This will remove any dirt, grease or grime. Use a nylon bristle brush or coarse sponge to clean the item even if it is new. Do these two or three times. After it is clean, thoroughly rinse it with clean water, then dry completely **Step 2:** Now wipe the item down with PPG #UK405 Vinyl Conditioner. Use overlapping strokes and go in one direction only. Do not crisscross or change direction. After it is done, do not touch with your bare hands. The oils in your skin can stick to the Vinyl surface and cause the dye not to adhere properly. **Step 3:** You can now start to spray dye the item. Work in a well-ventilated area. Use light overlapping strokes. Do not put on heavy coats because this can cause runs and blushing. Blushing is caused by too much paint and humidity in the air. It is a good idea not to paint on a rainy or high humidity day. Allow 5 to 10 minutes between coats depending on the temperature. High heat = less time. When it is thoroughly covered, check for light spots. If it is covered completely, let it dry for 1 hour. After it is dry it will be ready to install

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PAUL FRUSCELLO

fellow T-Birders

It is with a very heavy heart and sadness that I must inform you that long time member Paul Fruscello passed away Wednesday May 22, 2024. Paul suffered from Parkinson's disease and heart conditions which finally took his life. It is my understanding that there will not be any service until sometime in September and that information will be provided as it becomes available.

Please keep Paul's family in our prayers and while Paul was not active in recent years due to illness, he was truly a great person and wonderful part of our ACTC Family

Jim Rodgers
President ACTC
602 300 5792

Ford's 1956 Lifeguard Design and V-8 Engine Were a Potent Sales Power Team

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...and Lifeguard Design is another reason why!



This Lifeguard steering wheel has a new deep-center construction to reduce possibility of driver being thrown hard against steering post in case of accident. Ford engineers have mounted the rim of the wheel high above the recessed steering post to help "cushion" your chest against severe injuries from impact.



Optional Lifeguard padding protects you against accident injuries by providing a "crash cushion" on both the instrument panel and sun visors. It is five times more shock absorbent than foam rubber. New Lifeguard rearview mirror that "gives" on impact and resists shattering is standard on '56 models.



You're twice as safe if you stay inside the car in an accident. Statistics prove it conclusively. So our Ford engineers have designed these new Lifeguard door latches with a *double grip* to reduce the possibility of doors springing open in a collision.



Look at this Ford seat belt! One-third stronger than required for airlines, it is securely anchored to reinforced, all-steel floor structure. Optional Ford seat belts can be adjusted or released with one hand . . . are available in colors to harmonize with interiors.



1956 NEW FORD VICTORIA

"And you'll drive safer ever after!"



FORD V-8

Sells More because it's Worth More!

Cuddly teddy bears sold well during the mid-1950s era. So did innocence. Marry the two and one has a perfect recipe for marketing safe automotive engineering. Ford did just that with its 1956 Lifeguard Design campaign, which promoted V-8 power in front of four components that were available in its passenger cars: deep-center steering wheels, "crash cushion" instrument panels, "double grip" door latches, and seat belts.

ACTC Cruise to Wickenburg

On May 19th, a day designated as International Thunderbird Appreciation Day, a hearty group of 12 members left Sun City and cruised to Wickenburg after the May meeting.

The were 6 cars; 3 '57 Thunderbirds, 1 Mustang, 1 Camaro and a Ford Escape.

The attendees were Bob & Kathy Michele, Chuck & Judy Thompson, Don & Rosemary Henderson, Steve Kovacic, Jacki McKee & her sister-in-law Tammy, Tom & Yvonne Wagner & Virginia Snyder.

While not the turnout we had anticipated, it was a good group of friends.

We arrived without incident. All the cars, especially the baby Birds performed well.

We found a parking lot near the center of town that allowed us to all park together.

No one in the group had much information about Wickenburg and what it had to offer. The group started walking aimlessly (mainly looking for restrooms) until we came in contact with a local resident walking her dog. She was very informative. She told us where some tourist sites and restaurants were. She also told us that just about everything was closed on Sunday. She ended by saying "welcome to Mayberry."

With the help of Google we found a few sites to see, a bar to get liquid refreshments and restrooms, and a restaurant to get lunch.

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CAR EVENT

**Saturday June 8th Detroit Grill
6953 N. Hayden Rd. Scottsdale, AZ
Members arrive 11:30 am & 12:00
noon S/E corner of Hayden Rd
and E. Indian Bend
Let Bob Michele know your order,
choice either one double hamburger
or two hot dogs, fries and a drink.
cost \$17.00 per person**



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