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January

Our January featured 1956 Tbird is a wonderful example of the extensive pallet of color choices Ford offered Tbird customers in 1956. Manufactured on January 10th, 1956 in the amazing Peacock Blue. The Tbird is owned by ACTC members Yvonne and Tom Wagner and in their own words:

We got our 1956 TBird November 12th, 1999, but it hadn't always been on our mind. I did like old cars but knew pricewise a decent car like that would be a bit much for us to consider. Then in 1995 our good friend Bob mentioned to us he was going to buy a 1955 Ford Thunderbird for his wife Cindy's 40th birthday. And he did, and invited us to come over and see it, and even drive it if we wanted. We were excited for Cindy, but I really wasn't all that thrilled since I knew it would be a long time before we could pull off a deal like that. And, since I had a '56 Chevy back in college (just a beater, a 210 4-Door, nothing too exciting a bit of a Mom and Pop car), but I thought I'd really like to get another Chevy if I ever got the chance (meaning extra $$), which was another long shot at best. But it did start us going to old classic car shows and auctions just to look.

In the Arizona Shade

In the Arizona Sun

Then in 1997 we joined the Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club which Bob and Cindy already belonged to, and we also got the chance to sell our modest (small) house in Mesa and buy one that was a little larger with a pool and a 2-car garage. And we made enough on the sale of the Mesa house to get the new house and have a decent amount left over for a classic car purchase. So, guess what? I had my sights set on that 1956 Chevy, and Bob and Cindy convinced us to go with them to the Silver Auction in Reno. There, I found my Chevy, won the bid, and had it shipped to our new home in Tempe. So where does the Tbird come into the picture? Well, I (Tom) had promised Yvonne that I'd get her a Tbird someday, but knew in my heart that I wouldn't have enough money to get one without selling the Chevy, and that was apparently going to be the way it would go down without something extraordinary happening. Well, something extraordinary actually did happened---Bob and Cindy decided to sell their company (where Yvonne had been faithfully working for a number of years) and promised the girls who stayed with the new firm for at least 1 year each to receive profit sharing, but the deal with Yvonne was that she would get a Tbird instead of the profit sharing. Ok by me I didn't have to sell my Chevy, and she would still own a Tbird. Life is good and full of surprises! So at that point, we became proud owners of two classic cars, my 1956 Chevy and a Peacock Blue 1956 Tbird. We can now do the shows with other "Tbirders" and feel like we fit in. We could also have the option to run for a club officers position and /or serve on the board. Which, we both have done for many years. We have also volunteered on many committees and events and have done many of the out-of-town runs while putting many fun, fun miles on our Tbird with the top up or down. We've gotten to know many of the members of our club and made many friends for life. When we're on one of the runs and we have car problems (Tbirds don't breakdown, they only rest for a while), we can always count on the many "mechanics" that are along on these outings to help us get through to our destination. Joining ACTC has been a great idea for us and keeps on inspiring us, and we hope it continues for many years to come.

Yvonne & Tom Wagner

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President's Desk

"Inside looking through the Porthole"

By: Douglas Shearer

Fellow T-Birders,

As of January 1st, 2025 I will gladly take over the reins of President from Jim Rodgers. Taking over this position from Jim and those past presidents whose dedication to this club over the years has become somewhat of ACTC legend, (which I must say) has me awestruck to be in such company. Ellen and I joined this club a short time ago with hopes of making long lasting friendships and driving our car with many other members to events and gatherings. Never did I think I would become President of this club not to mention not having held a previous position before. I feel very fortunate to be in this club surrounded by members that have been in this club for many years and the knowledge you all have in making these "Little birds" drive and look beautiful. I do not have that mechanical knowledge to bring to the table, but what I can bring to the table is my deep passion for these cars that I've had since high school and to finally own a piece of automotive history gives me much happiness.

I see this new year as an opportunity to bring some changes in hopes of generating new excitement in terms of what we can do as a club with new events and gatherings that we can all participate in. Bob M. has a good plan for the year with a couple of new events that we can expand on going forward. As Jim stated in his last message, we need volunteers to step up and continue to make this club what it is and always has been since November, 1971.

Let's make 2025 a great year and I'd like to thank all of you for your support and guidance. Let's keep driving these "Little Birds" and Retro Birds and enjoy. With that said I'd like to end with this little thought; "Life is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence" (by Sidney Smith)

Thank you, Doug

What's in that Tbird Trunk For Sale?

- **1957 Colonial-white Tbird, D-Code in nice condition $39,000.00 or OBO. Located in Peoria, AZ**

Contact: Mike Wood Ph# (602)-568-8140

1957 Ford Tbird Colonial White (AZ car), Features a Ford 302 V8, AOD-4, AC, PS, PB, Rack & Pinion Steering, Tilt Wheel, Bucket Seats, New Interior . Asking $45,000.00

Located in Phoenix, AZ

Contact: Pat Fenlon Ph# (602)-768-5458

56/57 Tbird Hardtop Shell (Free), Contact: Member Jim Rogers (Last Call)

1955/56/57 Tbird Chrome Hood Scoop cover. Some minor chrome pitting. $25.00

Contact Walt Bonneau @ waltbonneau@gmail.com

-1956 Thunderbird project car, complete with some new parts, engine needs to be rebuilt. $7500.Peroria, AZ, Call: Mike 602-568-8140

January

Name	Date
ACTC's 53th Birthday	11/30-12/01
Sandy Tresente	1/02
Jim Timmons	1/07
Mike Price	1/17
Beverly Saccente	1/17
Phyllis Braasch	1/19
Pat Ciammitti	1/21
Mike Doles	1/22
Wes Henderson	1/23
Frank Saccente	1/23
Polly Betterton	1/23
Kathleen Boles	1/26

Right off the assembly line, a newly released 1955 Tbird was independently first tested in Dearborn, MI by Tom McCahill around Mid-January, 1955 at Ford's high-speed test track, achieving an astonishing +125 mph. Along with Motortrends' December/ January magazine test drive review in California, (see photo below.) Also see the article on Page-04 in the Historical Facts column, of this issue.

January

Name Date

January is the month in which the least amount of couples select to get married.

The ACTC apparently follows that statistic:

No ACTC member Anniversaries

Interesting January Facts:

January, first month of the Gregorian calendar. It was named after Janus, the Roman goodness of all beginnings. January replaced March as the first month of the Roman year no later than 153 BCE. This month marks the beginning of many events such as the start of a new year/new resolutions, several National Observances and the coldest month of the year.

Janus Roman God Coin

Circa: 120 BCE

- **The lowest temperature ever recorded in the Northern Hemisphere (-67.7°C/-89.9°F) was documented in January 1885 in Verkhoyansk, Russia.**
- **January's flower is the Carnation in Tbird color choice Dusk Rose.**

Tech Facts

Ford/Thunderbird Hot mechanic Tips

Tip # 01: Checking-Inspecting and Adjusting Tbird Drum Brakes

We all know just how important our car brakes are. This tip covers how to check/inspect your Drum Brakes in hope of avoiding unexpected trouble on the road.

Note: Several Tbird owners have converted their Tbird front brakes to Disc brakes. However most have decided to stay with the rear Drum brake system. The two types can work well together.

-Checking your drum brakes on your Thunderbird.

1st-remove the front and rear brake drums (*If you have Drum brakes all around*). The front drums can be removed with the wheel left on by removing the grease cap spindle nut and washer and outer bearing.

2nd-Check the brake shoes, the brake shoes need to be replaced if the rivets are 1/3 of an inch or less same for bonded shoes. Best not to mix Bonded with Riveted type brake shoes.

3rd-Checking for leaks: Remove the rubber cups from the wheel cylinders to inspect for leaks. If so, rebuild or replace the cylinders. Also check front and rear brake hoses for cracks or leaks. Look inside the car to inspect for leaks from the master cylinder. There must not be any leaks in order to achieve a safe braking system.

4th-If you needed to replace the wheel cylinders and or brake lines, bleed the brakes. Start with the right rear then left rear followed by the right front then left front. If you are replacing the master cylinder it needs to be bench bleed before installing. Never mix silicone brake fluid with dot-3. If you want to use silicone fluid the whole system needs to be completely flushed out.

5th–When adjusting your brakes; spin/turn the wheel till it locks up then back it off by the star wheel adjuster until the drum is free. There is a small slot on the backside of the backplate that with the right tool allows the star wheel to be turned achieving the brake shoe's correct adjustment.

Note: *On the rear brakes put the jack stands under the axle housing to keep the emergency brake cable loose.*

Don't forget to put a thin coat of grease on the backing plates where the shoes ride also the star wheel threads.

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Historical Facts

Ford/Thunderbird Is Introduced on February 20, 1954.

Provided by Walt Bonneau– Abbreviated reprint from Mechanics Illustrated January 1955.

January of 1955 author Tom McCahill writing for Mechanix Illustrated set out on an assignment to test the all new 1955 Ford Thunderbird. He used a factory car and tested it on the Ford Dearborn test track, achieving +125 mph and considered the car to be a "Real Sports Car" despite Ford's claim of the Thunderbird; "It is not a sports car but, a personal car". *Editorial: It is hard to fool a qualified test driver/car expert.)*

McCahill claims that the Thunderbird confused the accepted definition of a sports car. He further states "that without a doubt the Thunderbird is a sports car but, with great looks, performance and with comfort" (features). They said of it: "Thunderbird is the car that forced the sports car facts into the open." An offering fitting into the sports car segment, limited by a price tag of under $4,000.00 .

In 1955 there was the American Corvette, various British and Italian sports cars defining this space (with the exception of higher priced Ferrari's), these were Le Mans racing class autos. Noting that in 1955 a factory Corvette's top speed was 110mph. Many of the British and Italian sports cars in this segment had a top speeds under or near 100 mph. Making for the new Tbird to be a real standout sports car.

The photo below is the cover page of the McCahill's article. The complete article is 5-pages and a informative read. The following is only the first page of the article:

Tech Facts

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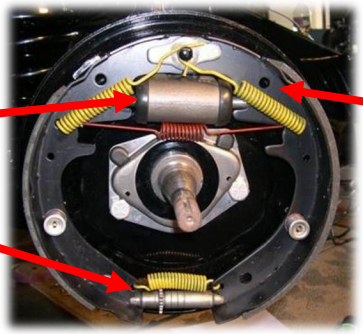
Lubricating the back plates which have six flat areas will minimize the premature metal to metal wear from the brake shoes moving back and forth. This also prevents the shoes from hanging up due to surface friction. The star wheel used to adjust the brakes also needs lubricant to prevent teeth wear and free movement.

Next after reassembly, be sure there is pressure on the foot brake pedal. Test drive the car with caution until you know the brakes are operating reasonably. *Note: Driving in reverse at 5-7 mph and pressing firmly on the brake pedal multi-times will self-adjust the brakes as the star wheel will perform the adjustment.*

Wheel Cylinder with seal caps.

Star Wheel Adjuster



Be sure you re-install the brake shoes and retention springs as shown.

Complete Tbird Drum Brake Wheel

Tbird Drum Brake Wheel Backplate

Photos courtesy of CTCI

Tip # 02: Removing a Stuck Spin-type Oil Filter from a Tbird

Many of the 1955-57 Tbirds have converted their factory cartridge oil filter to the "updated Spin-type". The purpose was to make oil/filter changes simpler. Not always the case however, when a few easy important oil filter install procedures are ignored. The Spin-type oil filter modification provides for a large smooth surface area on the engine block, providing for a high-positive oil filter to engine block adhesion capability. (stopping oil leaks). However, this same large positive surface adhesion (High-friction) can present a real problem when the time comes to remove the old filter in place of a new one.

Always coat the new Spin-type oil filter gasket with fresh motor oil (Don't use a lubricant that could damage the gasket). Never use an oil filter wrench to tighten the oil filter. Just hand tighten then back turn the filter then re-tighten until tight and finally give it a 1/8-1/4 more turn by hand (filter should spin on easily). This will make removal later much easier. The amount of friction between the gasket and flat engine block surface if oil is not applied and/or wrench tightened, can create over 175 -lbs.-ft of torque needed to be applied in order to remove such an incorrectly installed oil filter. Possibly requiring extreme tools and muscle power. Below is a picture of a oil filter destroyed because of improper installation. Whereby, over 175 -lbs.-ft of torque applied was necessary to remove this particular oil filter using a chain wrench applied at the top of the filter. The Band wrench was beyond stressed in this case.

Damaged Oil filter in an attempt to remove the stuck/bounded dry filter gasket to the engine block surface.

(Left) is a chain wrench needed in this case and (right) a typical band filter wrench, having less than 100—lbs.-ft. rating.

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November-December, 2024 ACTC Board Meeting

Note: *Due to the ACTC Christmas Luncheon that replaced the normal meeting, there are no minutes to report for the month of December.*

The Board Meeting—November 30th, published Minutes Released on December 02, 2024

- **ACTC Board Meeting was held on November 30, 2025 from 11:40am -12:00pm during the Pavillions Scottsdale car show event.**

Board members in attendance:
Bob Michele(2 positions), Yvonne Wagner, Douglas Shearer, Myrna Harper Foster making a quorum of 5 Boards members from the 7 positions.

- Bob Michele presented the initial tentative calendar for review and discussion.
- The subject events calendar was discussed/edited and approval as the "Tentative —2025 Calendar". Also see Page-13

Unanimous approval was achieved with the 2 Board members absent, due to travel.

Recent Events

ACTC 2024 Christmas Luncheon

On Saturday December 7th fifty-one members attended the ACTC annual Christmas event at the American-Italian Club in Phoenix.
The members were treated to a delicious Italian Buffet meal while soft Christmas background music played. Yvonne Wagner raffled off five beautiful gift baskets. One was donated by Frank & Beverly Saccente and one was donated by Bob & Kathy Michele. The other three were done up in beautiful fashion by Yvonne Wagner. The five winners were Maria Prokopowicz, Mo Mason, Phyllis Braasch, Sylvia Mock & Chuck Thompson).
Yvonne also had created two guessing games. One was guessing how many M&M's were in a large jar (won by Rosemary Henderson) and the other was to guess the weight of a large ceramic model T-Bird (won by Phyllis Braasch).
The highlight of the afternoon was when Myrna & Duane Foster sang Christmas songs and then led the entire group in singing Christmas Carols. Duane also took many pictures for our archives.
Provided by: Bob Michele

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Recent Events

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November 30th, 2024 — ACTC at the Scottsdale Pavilons

On this Saturday, a beautiful warm sunny day, twenty three of our members driving 17 of the most beautiful classic cars met at the Scottsdale Pavilions Rock 'n' Roll cruise-in event. The ACTC was represented by 12 Tri-Five Tbirds, 2 Retro Birds, 2 Mustangs and one Lexus sports car. Everyone sure seemed to be enjoying themselves and we even had a short ACTC Board Meeting to discuss what is being planned for 2025. Also see Board "Tentative" Planning Meeting on Page-13. Provided by Bob Michele

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Thanksgiving Parade-2024 In Fountain Hills, AZ

It was a perfect day for a parade on Thanksgiving morning. We had four Thunderbirds from our club (Tom and Yvonne Wagner, Wade Myers, Gregg Thurston, and Sheri Dohm) and nine vehicles from the military vehicle club.

It was Sheri's first parade. She wanted to drive in the parade without her hardtop, so military club member Steve Dorsey volunteered to carry the top in the back of his large military truck while Sherry proudly gave a ride to a Korean war veteran.

I was fortunate enough to give a ride to 101 year old WW2 paratrooper Eugene Metcalf and his wife. Gene dropped out of high school at age 18, advising his math teacher as he walked out of the classroom that he was not turning in his homework because he was going to enlist as an Army paratrooper.

When his unit parachuted on September 17, 1944, into what had been reported to be an unoccupied meadow in Holland with the objective of securing a bridge, they received German fire from the ground while their parachutes were floating down. Gene witnessed his C-47 being shot down as he and his fellow paratroopers returned fire to the Germans on the ground.

After his patrol had reached the ground and eliminated the German machine guns and three anti-aircraft guns, Gene was subsequently wounded and left for dead, captured by the Germans, interrogated by Himmler in an ancient castle, and imprisoned and mistreated as a prisoner of war for 8 months. Gene subsequently escaped but was recaptured when he was within sight of snow-capped mountains of Switzerland. Finally on the morning of April 29, 1944 General Patton's troops and three Sherman tanks arrived at Stalag VII-A where Gene and 110,000 other prisoners were being guarded by a skeleton crew of approximately 200 Germans who were subdued in short order by Patton. Gene was finally a free man again.

During the ensuing years Gene and his wife were reunited with numerous members of his squad who believed that he was dead. They also visited the castle where he had been interrogated which is now a tourist destination.

As for Gene, he returned to his math class after the war and advised his former teacher that he was now ready to finish high school. After finishing his education, he later became a schoolteacher, retired, and then began running a chuckwagon dinner enterprise in Jackson, Wyoming for multiple years.

As the Thunderbird slowly drove down the parade route, I heard a man yell out "Wow, that's amazing. A World War II veteran." Spectators shouted "Thank you for your service", and Gene would reply "Happy Thanksgiving." If they only knew.

Provided by: Gregg Thurston

The ACTC membership is saddened by the passing away of two long time members Lynne Silvernale and Lynn Stoneberger. Please see the following for both of these special ladies:

ACTC member Lynn Stoneberger, the wife of member Richard Stoneberger passed away on November 12th, 2024.

There was a memorial service held on Friday December 13th, 2024 @ 1:00 PM.. The services were located at the: Messenger Pinnacle Peak Mortuary at 8555 E. Pinnacle Peak Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85255.

The family had asked for any donation to be given to the Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of the Valley."

Abbreviated Obituary

She fought a long and courageous battle with the dreaded Alzheimer's disease, she never once questioned God's plan for her. Lynn was that rare Beautiful woman, both inside and out, and her light will continue to shine down on us. There are not many hearts as pure as hers.. She was truly a child of our Lord.

Lynn was born July 17, 1951 in Detroit Michigan, to William H. and Shirley Rae (Peterson) Rutherford. She was an only child and raised in West Bloomfield, MI. She is survived by her Husband, Richard Stoneberger, sister-in-law Diana (Stoneberger) Briggs, her Husband Dr. Robert Briggs, brother-in-law James Stoneberger, and step-son Brian Stoneberger and other members of the Stoneberger - Rutherford family.

After high school and while attending Oakland Community College, she embarked on her own, engaging in several different jobs until she joined a start-up computer consulting firm called Ciber. Ciber was founded in Detroit Michigan in 1974 and she was employee number 4. The Company perceived a need in the corporate world for specialized technical assistance in keeping pace with the advances of both computer hardware and software. Lynn held positions of Sales Executive, Consulting Services Manager, Corporate technical recruiter, office manager and administrator. She relocated 9 times with Ciber and helped open new offices in Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Colorado and California and then settled in Scottsdale Arizona in 1989.

There, in 1990, she met Richard Stoneberger on a blind date coordinated by her dear friend. When Lynn and I met it was instant attraction and we were inseparable from that time forward. We were married April 27, 1996 and have lived in Scottsdale since then. Lynn helped raise my only Son, Brian Stoneberger, from the age of 6.

Lynn was a Beautiful person both inside and out. Her smile was so stunning it would light up the entire room. She cared so deeply for the people around her and was always kind and compassionate. She made an impact on so many lives. She will be forever missed until we meet again. Lynn, a beacon of kindness and love, will forever reside in our hearts. Her special quote was always, "Live your Life Imperfectly, with GREAT Delight". She was also quick to point out that when you are "Stressed", just remember, that it is "Desserts" spelled backwards.

November 27, 2024 Celebration of Life, Long Time Member Lynne Silvernale

Close to 70 people who shared a bit of Lynne's life came to the Martin Auto Museum on Thunderbird Road in Glendale, AZ for a Celebration of Life. Vince, her son, had prepared a very nice event. There were pictures of Lynne, a display of beaded bracelets made by Lynne, for people to see and select one to take as a memory of Lynne, packets of wildflower seeds with memorial pictures of Lynne and the dates December 7, 1944 - November 4, 2024. We all shared in a delicious buffet for us to enjoy.

Many of the ACTC members attended, some that we haven't seen for quite a while. Several members drove their T-Birds. It was wonderful visiting with Lynne's family, friends from different groups and our own club members. There were jigsaw puzzles set up in the booths for people to help in their completion, since that was something Lynne loved to do! It is sad that Lynne is no longer with us, but we enjoyed talking about all that she has done for the club. We had many large garage sales at her home over the years, which were very successful in raising funds for the club. Lynne has recently served the club by helping at our monthly meetings, taking money at the door, as people came in. Lynne was a talented, creative woman and was dedicated to the club. She will be truly missed. The pictures below are of the Life Celebration:

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Future Events

Sat. Jan. 11th , 2025 ACTC "Cruise-in to Gateway Classic Cars"

BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR THIS EVENT, IT BENEFITS OUR CLUB!

Location: 23305 N. 23rd Ave. Phoenix
Arrive 8:30 am – 9:00 am
9:00 am – 12:00 noon coffee/donuts served, tour Gateway facility, hang out and enjoy the company and the cars.
FOLLOWED BY A SHORT 2 MILE CRUISE TO:
ACTC January meeting / luncheon
Barrio Brewing Company @ Deer Valley Airport
7th Ave. & Deer Valley Rd. Phoenix
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm Price TBD

Don't forget to pay your 2025 ACTC Dues!

DUE by January 20th, 2025 ***(See Page-14 for the ACTC Application Form)***

Sat. Feb. 1st Downtown Glendale BBQ, Rhythms, Rides.

5750 W. Glenn Dr. Glendale 85301

Note: ACTC reserved parking has already been reserved in Early December since this shows car show parking fills up early each year. You are still welcome to come and enjoy the event even though there will likely not be a car show parking space for you.

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The Tentative ACTC 2025 Events Calendar

This was organized and approved at the November 30th, 2024 Scottdale Pavilion Board meeting (2 of the 7 Board Members were not present) .

For the Tentative ACTC 2025 Event Calendar see Page-13>>>

PLEASE NOTE !

All dates and events listed above are tentative

Future Events

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MARCH, 2025

Midnight at the Oasis's, Yuma, AZ, Car Show, March 01-03 Event

Event is now Sold Out! We have 9 spots reserved.

www.midnightattheoasis.net

APRIL, 2025

Ford Fest 2025 at Gateway Classic Cars Scottsdale, AZ April 5th 2025. This is a Nationwide Ford Fest Car Show.

https://facebook.com/events/s/ford-fest-

PLEASE NOTE !

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New ACTC Apparel In the Works

A small committee (Austin Eaton, Chuck Thompson and Walt Bonneau) under the ACTC "Ways & Means" continues to evaluate bringing back ACTC sponsored apparel items in early 2025. We are open to hearing from you about your level of interest. Offering both men round-neck and woman V-neck products. The sample T-shirt design by Austin Eaton, is attached below for your consideration, estimated price: $26.00-$30.00 each.

We will only offer these shirts if sufficient interest is communicated to Walt Bonneau or Chuck Thompson by the end of January, 2025. (Page–15 for their contact information).

ACTC Year-2025 MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE (Tentative)

Sat. Jan. 11th —Gateway Classic Cars 23305 N. 23rd Ave. Phoenix

9:am -12 Noon Cruise-in. ACTC to provide coffee/water/donuts

and Sat., Jan. 11th Barrio Brewing Co. @ Deer Valley Airport 702 W. Deer Valley Rd. Phoenix, Meeting 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm Cost $24.00/person **(Confirmed)**

Sat. Feb. 1st —Downtown Glendale BBQ, Rhythms, Rides. 5750 W. Glenn Dr. Glendale 85301 **(Confirmed)**

Parking Lot east of Civic Center Pre-registration ASAP

Plan to meet for breakfast 8:00 am Kiss the Cook 4915 W. Glendale Rd. Glendale, AZ

Sat. Feb. 8th — San Tan Ford 1429 E. Motorplex Loop Gilbert 85297 8:30 am –

11:30 am. Meeting Coffee/water/donuts available. Cost: TBD 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sun. Mar. 16th —Encanto Palmcroft Historic Preservation Association 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (arrive 9ish) Event/Meeting.

Sat. Mar./29th— Pavillions Outing Reserved Parking 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm arrival

Event Indian Bend Rd. west of Loop 101

Sun. Apr. 20th— American Legion (Irving B. Selmer Post 107) 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix, Meeting Members arrive 8:30 am – 9:00 am Breakfast served @ 9:30 am Cost TBD

TBD Tech Day or Picnic undetermined

Sun. May 18th — Rudy's BBQ 1733 N Higley Rd. Gilbert

Meeting Members arrive 8:30 am – 9:00 am Breakfast served @ 9:30 am Cost TBD

June Summer Break No Meeting

July Summer Break No Meeting (*There will be a Newsletter for the July/Aug month****)***

Aug. Summer Break No Meeting

Sun. Sep. 14th —American Legion (Irving B. Selmer Post 107) 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix. Meeting Members arrive 8:30 am – 9:00 am Breakfast served @ 9:30 am Cost TBD

Sun. Oct. 12th —TBD

Sun. Nov. 9th —American Legion Meeting Irving B. Selmer Post 107) 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix Meeting Members arrive 8:30 am– 9:00 am Breakfast served @ 9:30 am Cost TBD

Sat. Nov.. 29th —Pavillions Outing Reserved Parking 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm arrival Event

Dec. TBD Christmas party TBD

Note: Board Meetings will be scheduled as needed.

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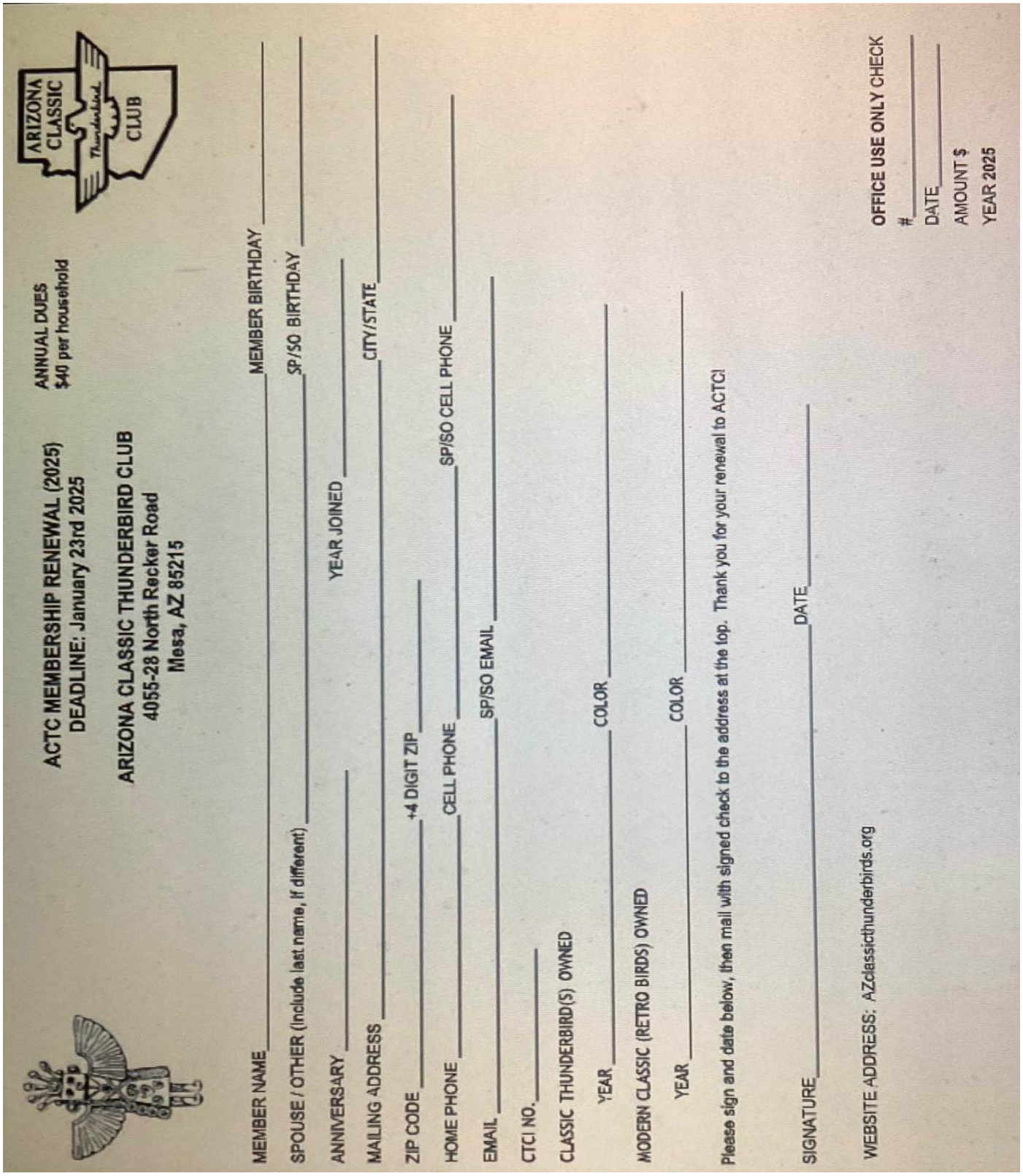
Other News

Notice: ACTC Annual 2025 year Dues are to be paid by January 23, 2025. On this page is the application you can printout (Printout only Page-14, 1-page), fill out and return per the USPS mailing address on the application Please print out application in this portrait format so any edge information is not truncated. The Dues are paid by check at $40.00 per household/$65.00 Printed Copy. You can also access this application on the: AZclassicthunderbirds.org website.



ACTC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (2025)
DEADLINE: January 23rd 2025

ANNUAL DUES
$40 per household

ARIZONA CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB
4055-28 North Recker Road
Mesa, AZ 85215

MEMBER NAME _____ MEMBER BIRTHDAY _____

SPOUSE / OTHER (Include last name, If different) _____ SP/SO BIRTHDAY _____

ANNIVERSARY _____ YEAR JOINED _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____ +4 DIGIT ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ SP/SO CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ SP/SO EMAIL _____

CTCI NO. _____

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD(S) OWNED

YEAR _____ COLOR _____

MODERN CLASSIC (RETRO BIRDS) OWNED

YEAR _____ COLOR _____

Please sign and date below, then mail with signed check to the address at the top. Thank you for your renewal to ACTC!

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

WEBSITE ADDRESS: AZclassicthunderbirds.org

OFFICE USE ONLY CHECK
#_____
DATE_____
AMOUNT $
YEAR 2025

Other News, Events & Misc.

Welcome New Member (s)

No New Members for January

Request for Newsletter Submissions:

Contact Walt Bonneau: waltbonneau@gmail.com

T-Bird Stuff

All ACTC and CTCI members **may submit a request** to have an **Event, Topic Request, Club Suggestions** or **Misc.** (Thunderbird Related) contribution (s) for publication consideration in the ACTC Newsletter.

Note: ***All submissions are due by no later than the 19th of each previous month to meet the publication deadline for the following month.***

Special Note: **We want to extend our thanks to our sister Tbird Clubs who the ACTC shares Newsletters with, as follows: Sacramento, CA (SCTC), Palm Springs, CA (PSCTC), Smokey Mtn Classic Tbird Club, Knoxville, TN., Big "D" Little Bird Dallas, TX. And Hawkeye Classic Tbird Club Des Moines, IA. More to come...**

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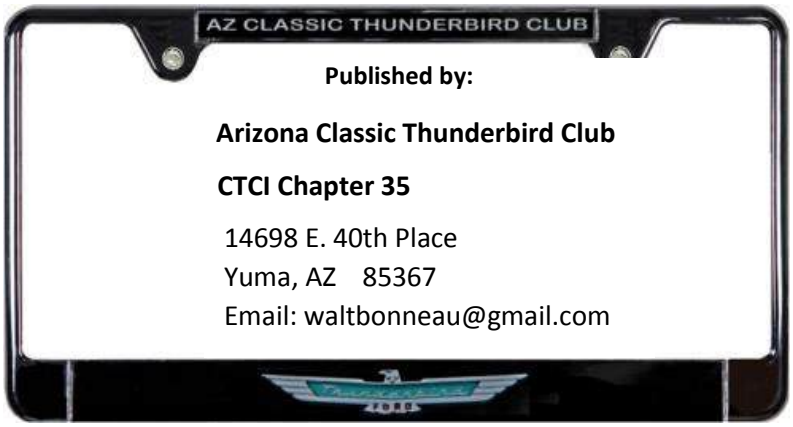

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