ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

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April

I have loved these Ford two seaters with the iconic port holes and styling, since I can remember. Never did I imagine that one day I would actually own one. But, as luck would have it, the stars all aligned and I am now a very proud owner of my dream car. It was quite by accident that I met up with an old friend in California who just happened to mention, "I have a 1957 T-Bird for sale". Once I laid eyes on my dream car, it was love at first sight and the rest is history.

A short history, since it was exactly one year ago that I purchased her. I named her Rosie after my mother's sister Rosalie, a fitting name given the colors of this convertible. The car was in great shape. No rust or body work needed at all. However, her ownership history is incomplete to me. I have registration and insurance documents starting in 1984 to present. I have many old repair receipts dating back to 1970 and an appraisal dated for 07/14/04. It states that a "Frame-up" restoration was completed in 1982 and at that time, the odometer reading was approximated 91,000 miles. I have a receipt dated 1970 putting the odometer reading at 90,000 miles. Is it possible that the car was only driven 1K miles in 12 years? Or is it more likely that the odometer rolled over??? If only our cars could talk!

According to the "data plate", Rosie rolled off the assembly line in April, 1957 sporting Willow Green with a Colonial White top paint job. I have no photographic evidence of that, however, I do have a photo of her in Flame Red with a Flame Red top and spoke rims with open wheels/no skirts. The photograph has no date on it, but from this picture itself, (the shape and size), and the man in the photo who looks a bit like Sony Bono, I'd say that it was taken in the late 60's to early 1970's. The earliest photo-documented evidence that I have is a couple of photos marked 03/89 of Rosie on a trailer and painted only with primer. She had mag wheels and no top. I assume this is when she was again painted, this time Flame Red with her Colonial White top.

Since Rosie has become an Arizonan, I had a little engine work and a few minor repairs done for her. Those completed, I entered her in her first car show last November in Chandler. There I met Yvonne and Tom Wagner, and Kathy and Bob Michele who immediately befriended me and invited me to join the ACTC. It has been my extreme pleasure to be a part of this Tbird club and to have been so warmly welcomed by everyone that I meet in the club! I really enjoyed driving a Veteran in Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Parade and since attending other shows and meetings. I look forward to many more shows, fun runs and fellowship opportunities with you all!

As for Rosie's future, I plan to continue to drive her as much as possible. One of you said, "If it runs, drive it!" I have embraced that saying and get her out and about as much as possible. I love to show her off and love the compliments that she receives! It is my hope to learn how to make minor adjustments and enhancements to Rosie's engine as well as, any other repairs that I think that I can manage, (once I get the shop manual that is in route).

By Sheri Dohm

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From the President's Desk

"Inside looking through the Porthole"

by: Douglas Shearer

Fellow T-Birders,

Now that spring is almost here, Easter and Passover as well, means family get togethers are what's on the menu for April. Desert flowers will be in bloom and oh yes it's getting warmer too. However, ACTC is on the move again as some of us had a great time going down to Yuma for Midnight at the Oasis and afterwards going over to Walt and Lynne's home for an informal Italian Diverse Cuisine informal dinner event. Excellent job Walt and Lynne, thank you for putting that together at the last minute. We also went to the Encanto Palmcroft Historic Preservation Association on March 16th. Touring all those historic homes was quite impressive and having our little Birds out there made all the difference. We did not have a formal meeting but rather an informal one with notes paced out. Good job Bob M. putting that all together.

On March 29th we will all meet at the Pavillions which is always a special time to have our club represented and to meet other car enthusiasts and see all the classics as well as eating at the many establishments nearby. Sunday April 13th is our meeting at the American Legion in Phoenix. I hope we have good turnout. ACTC along with VTCI are continuing to put together a joint outing to represent Thunderbird Appreciation Day on May 18th which, I have informally spoken about at our last meeting. Back In February I contacted Roger and Cosette Ingram about putting ideas together with Chuck Thompson and as of this writing we are getting close to proposing an event. I anticipate having details at the April meeting. Should be a great time.

Also, I wanted to mention that I picked up **our new ACTC business cards** which, I will distribute to members who would like to have them at our April meeting. (See pictures of the front and back on page-06).

Lastly, we have postponed the ACTC Tech Day until Fall and most likely in October due to so many events already on the books for March and April while May gets to Hot.

All said: I'll leave you with this thought!

"Friendship cheers like a sunbeam; charms like a good story; inspires like a brave leader; binds like a golden chain; guides like a heavenly vision."

Newell Dwight Hills

The best to 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 bird 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.

—Monroe® 1957 Ford Thunderbird - Rear, Driver and Passenger Side Shock, Monro-Matic Plus Series. Part# 31125. Used less than 150 miles. $25.00 for the set.

Contact: waltbonneau@gmail.com

—1956 Thunderbird project car, complete with some new parts, engine needs to be rebuilt. $7500.Peroria, AZ.

Call Mike Wood Ph: 602-568-8140

Tech Facts

Ford/Thunderbird 1955-1957 and Retro Tbird Paint Facts.

By: Walt Bonneau

On occasions the classic car owners want to know just how thick the paint is on their car. This is actually quite important for all of the following reasons:

⇒ *Was the car repainted if so, by what method?*
⇒ *Was the restoration of my classic returned to bare metal before repainting?*
⇒ *Is there a heavy layer of body filler any where?*
⇒ *Is the paint thick enough to rubout or even polish?*
⇒ *How consistent is the thickness of my classic's paint over several test points?*

Keep in mind the Ford Factory paint of 1955-57 at the Wixom factory was applied by hand using trained spray technicians. The paint on these cars was about 2.0 to 3.5 mils thick but averaged 3.0 mils. It was common that the top of a fender's paint could be 3.5 mils thick while the side of a door's paint being only 2.5 mils thick.

Note: Most custom paint shop even today will manually spray paint your classic, trying hard to maintain application consistency throughout the cars body. Newer cars are often painted by a set of robotic spray painters that are much more precise as to the amount of paint being applied. These cars usually have 3.00 mils of paint thickness applied evenly. Even though the Retro-Tbird could have used robotic spray painters , they were actually painted with the same method for the 1955-57 Tbirds. Giving them similar paint thickness readings.

Remember that paint is heavy and car manufacturers want their cars as light as possible for better EPA fuel economy at the same time providing a highly polished finish.

Also keep in mind that decades of waxing/polishing, rubbing and Sun causing oxidation will deteriorate car paint, reducing it's thickness to less than 2.0 mils. If this occurs, be very careful how you polish your car if, you intend to have the paint last a few more years.

A typical handheld Paint Thickness Meter being applied

The converse; if you get any readings on your meter of plus 4.5 mils you might want to start getting a bit suspicious about the repainting method that was applied and what's under that paint.

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Historical Facts

Ford/ Thunderbird's 1955-1957 and 2002-2005 Tbirds Highest Priced Birds ever sold priced Birds ever sold.

By: *Multiple Sources Contributed*

Ford introduced the Tbird in late 1954 with a fully loaded price tag of Approximately $3,300.00. In today's money value that is $38,000.00. So what is a fully loaded 1955-57-D-Code Tbird that has been moderately restored worth on average today: $45,000 to $55,000. Noting that the average sales price has decreased slightly in the last 2-3 years. Therefore, such Tbirds are worth between 15%- 30% more in value than when sold. If a D-code 57 is "fully-body off restored", it value can double or triple.

Note: A moderately restored 57' F-Code averages + $100K.

Top Five Highest Priced Sold Tbirds:

⇒ A Black 1955 first retail production TBird serial #0005 originally selling in September of 1954, auctioned by Barret Jackson Auctions (Scottsdale, AZ) in 2021 with a selling price of **$660,000.**

⇒ Marilyn Monroe's Raven Black 1956 Tbird sold for **$490,000** at Julien's Auctions, Nov. 17, 2018.

Marilyn Monroe's Ravin Black 56' Tbird sold in Los Angeles, CA

⇒ A 1957 Tbird D-code body off frame professionally restored in Starmist Blue by Amos Minter sold at Barret Jackson Auctions for **$450,000** in 2023. *(See Page-04A for pictures)*

⇒ There have been multiple examples of Baby birds fully restored or modified selling for **$75,000 to $200,000**.

As for the 2003 model year Retro-Birds having low mileage and well kept can bring a solid selling price. Such as the special edition 007 James Bond (*Body code -62 and Package code of 210A)* pictured in the 2002 movie "Die Another Day". This 007 model sold originally for $42,500. The exceptionally higher price tag of the auctioned for charity *Michael G. Wilson* 2003 car (the movie producer) having serial #001 of the 694 sold, was reported to have had a auction selling price north of $55K in 2022 but, the price was not ever fully verified. This special edition feature set included:

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The depicted sample paint thickness meter on the previous page-03 (lower bottom) is an example of how such meters look and roughly how they are to be applied: checking the hood, fenders, doors, hardtop, Etc. Professional detail shops will often use a paint thickness meter before they do any polishing work to be sure the car's paint can be rubbed-out or polished without the paint being accidently or further damaged. It is not uncommon to see 10 year old body paint with a thickness of less than 1.5mils.

Ford used acrylic enamel in those days and of course it's single stage paint. Some of the colors offered on the Tbird's in 55-57' would be very challenging to touch up. So, you should be able to visually spot any re-painted sections or feathered scratch repair unless the painter was exceptionally good at the trade. Any touched up areas would of course show you higher thickness readings. If the entire car (most of the body) gives you readings of plus 4.5 to 5.0 mils or higher, it is highly likely the car was repainted and there may even be some body filler under that paint.

Lastly, take a look at the rocker panel pinch weld flange underneath the rocker panels on both sides of the car. The factory sprayed low/semi gloss black paint on those to conceal them. Also look at the rubber drain valves on the bottom of the rocker panels. When these cars are repainted, they typically spray right over that black paint.

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(Historical Facts)

A) The two pictures to the right are of the Amos Minter fully body-off restored 1957 D-Code Tbird that sold at Barrett Jackson Auction for a exceptional reported $450,000 in 2023. This car sets the standard for a perfectly restored Tbird. The color Starmist -Blue is one of the preferred Tbird color choices especially accompanied with a Royal Blue canvas soft-top.

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B) The pricy chrome 21-spoke wheels, just like the 2002 Neiman Marcus edition was equipped. Plus the seats and interior having a solid "Performance White" leather, really made this model exceptionally nice to the eyes.

A bit more about the paint selection for the 007 James Bond special edition Retro-Bird but first: A "007" with the gun badge on the metal dash trim added a bit of the cache' to this model (*see picture below*). A special plaque in the glove box serialized from 001 to 700, provided the car's specific sequence in manufacturing, (*6 of these cars were known to have been used for solely for various shows by Ford*).

The 2003' actual production hardtop unlike the 2002' movie car is done in "performance white" opposed to matching Coral. Often it is asked where did the color of the car originate. This is quite an interesting fact: The color is very similar to the paint color Sunset Coral hue offered on the 1956 Tbird. In her role of "Jinx", actor Halle Berry emerges from the beach in a Coral Eres brand bikini matching the car she drives but, having a white belt. Some think the Coral bikini with white belt inspired the 2003' 007 Tbird production edition to exchange the matching coral hardtop for the better contrasting white top, (*see 007 Picture left)*.

One other fact, when Berry was offered a 2003 007 edition Tbird as a gift for doing the movie, she asked that it be in Ravin Black not Coral. Obviously she was not a fan of the Coral color, at least in car paint.

One more example of a special edition having only 200 Retro-Birds manufactured was the 2002 Nieman Marcus (NM); Offered with a 56-57' Tbird Ravin Black shade variation named "Evening Black", added a new flair in the paint color scheme. Paired with the all new "Whisper White" (a very light gray), was used on the hardtop. This color combination gave this car an appearance of pure class and success as in a Black Tie event. These cars in great condition and low mileage can fetch up to $30,000 and are rising slightly in price, with the 007. The NM model is elegant in looks and brings out the best of the Retro-Tbird body styling.

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April

Name	Date
Judy Wolkins	04/03
Hannah Falkenbery	04/06
Brenda Smith	04/09
Sherry Randall	04/11
Bill Dodd	04/11
Dede Ross	04/12
Jack Musselmann	04/13
Mo Mason	04/21
Kathy Michele	04/21
Lee Ketcham	04/25
Jamie Thompson	04/27

The Diamond Month

Established in the early 20th century the diamond was chosen to be the birthstone of April. The diamond is symbolic of these three: Love, Brilliance and known to be highly Resilient. Interesting that our Tbirds seem to follow these three attributes: We love them, they are a brilliant design and they truly are resilient with a life span now over 70 years. Thunderbirds have influenced the automotive industry more so than most other automobiles.

April

Name	Date
Chuck & Judy Thompson	04/02
John & Gail Dalmolin	04/03
Austin & Justine Eaton	04/03
Karl & Dulcie Martin	04/05
Jim Cook & Danny Kim	04/28

Interesting March Facts:

The name "April" originates from the Latin word "aperire," meaning "to open," likely referencing the blossoming of flowers and trees that occur during this time of year in the Northern Hemisphere; in the Roman calendar, April was considered sacred to Venus (the Roman goddess of love and beauty) and is believed to be derived from the Etruscan deity Apru, associated with fertility and agriculture.

- *The April diamond birthstone, were first discovered in India in the 4th century. Being immediately considered to be brilliant in reflection and of enduring strength,*
- *The two flowers that represent April are the Daisy and the Sweet Pea,*
- *Best known as the month of flowering or the opening,*
- *April, is also considered the starting/shoulder month of wedding events,*
- *April Fools Day was started in the 16th Century in France, when the New year calendar was moved from April 1st to January 1st. Those continuing to celebrate April 1st as the New year were called "fools".*

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March 2025 ACTC Board Mini-Meeting Minutes

No Official Minutes for the March Event were Documented

The following is a record / summary of the abbreviated meeting and a record of Pre-meeting submitted documents by some of the Board Members.

⇒ President Doug Shearer wanted everyone to just enjoy at this event.

⇒ Gathering started at 9:00 am with 25 members and two guest in attendance complimented by 12 Tbirds and one Chevy Belair being exhibited. There were plenty of attendees who stopped and took pictures or asked questions. Most members stayed until 2:00PM or later.

NEW BUSINESS:

⇒ The New ACTC Club business cards with holders will be distributed at the April 13h ACTC Meeting

⇒ More details about the upcoming "Thunderbird Appreciation Day" will be provided.

⇒ Chuck Thompson during the up coming April 13th ACTC meeting will present information about coordinating and finding ways to share with ITC, CTCI and the VTCI for the Annual Convention. He further asked for more support from FORD at the upcoming Annual Car Show and Convention in Grapevine, TX

WAYS & MEANS *(Issued by Walt Bonneau)*

⇒ Pre-Submittal Doc: ACTC New Apparel T-Shirts have been ordered and delivery occurred March 03, 2025. Attached is the price per T-Shirt. Four different sizes for Women and 4 different sizes for Men. We had placed an order for 60 shirts and received delivery in the various sizes. The shirts feature the 3 color Austin Eaton ACTC Logo design in Black/Grey/White with the official Turquoise Thunderbird logo on a soft Grey (Women) and Light-Charcoal Grey (Men). So far, the reviews of the Shirt Design have very positive. The T-Shirt's graphics editing artist considered the final design to be quite nice and very much in vogue for the times, after rejecting three other similar designs. (*also see Page-11*).

During the March 16th Encanto Street/Park Fair, several members had already picked-up their shirts.

The members by purchasing a T-shirt are also giving the ACTC a small contribution to the general Activities Fund. The ACTC club members are encouraged to order/reserve a shirt by calling or emailing Walt Bonneau at:

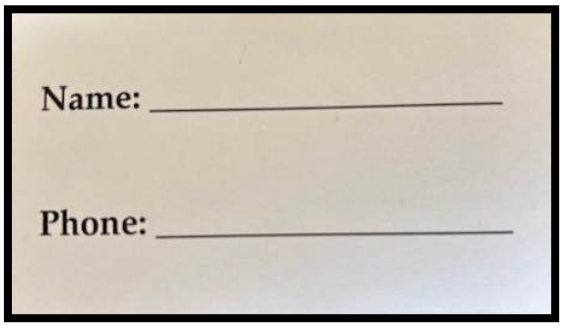
waltbonneau@gmail.com.

⇒ The March-2025 ACTC "Arizona Bird Chatter" Newsletter was submitted to the CTCI Newsletter-2025 Contest Office and acknowledged as being accepted. Judging occurs in August-2025 is my understanding with awards given

New ACTC Business Cards **(Have arrived and available)**

ACTC is pleased to introduce new ACTC Business Cards for any member who wants to have 5-7 of these cards to pass out as deemed fit, to prospective members and others who might want to support the ACTC in some manner. Samples of these cards can be seen below. They have a nice feature whereby the issuer of the card can write their name on the backside or a Board member's name if a contact person is required on a particular subject. For example; if a person wants to host a ACTC event you might want to write-in Bob Michele 's name.

The cards will likely be made available in Mid to Late March, 2025. (*Yes, the print will be straight unlike the quick samples below.*)



Recent Events

32nd Midnight at the Oasis (MATO) Car Show, Yuma ,AZ

Submitted by Walt & Lynne Bonneau

This years MATO car show was challenged by a bit of unpredictable weather. This had an impact on the 100% sold-out show with 10% of the reserved spots unoccupied, not too worry, there were still plenty of show cars, food and entertainment. Attendance was estimated at around 45,000.

The ACTC and friends represented our Club quite well. We have 8 members showing four Tbirds accompanied by a show class 31 Model-A Tudor Victoria and a completely restored 1964 Ford Fairlane Coupe. There were additional Thunderbirds making up the following total list by year and number at the show: 1955-1, 1956-4, 1957-7, 1958-1 and 1962-2, in all 15 Thunderbirds. Unfortunately, none of the Thunderbirds or for that matter any of the original Classic Cars seemed to have won a trophy. It seemed as if, this year judging wise was all about highly modified trucks and cars. The Phoenix and Southern Cal Ford Model-A club was there in strength with at least 10-12 really nice cars with no winners.

On Saturday the weather was excellent. Our ACTC attending members had a good time sharing plenty of stories and Tbird technical details. Members/Supporting friends included: *Jack & Nikki Musselmann, Yvonne & Tom Wagner, Jennifer Kelly & Bret Williams, Walt & Lynne Bonneau, Matt Bonneau, Brenda and Doug Howell, and Dave & Nancy Griffiths. It was also nice to see those wearing the new ACTC T-Shirts.*

In the afternoon and late night the Las Vegas Hard Rock Band "Count 77" with lead singer Danny "The Count" Koker performed on stage. In the early evening, the ACTC members and supporting friends joined the Bonneau's for a Italian Dinner at their home sharing plenty of food, wine and good conversations. It was so nice to get to know other members. What a great group of people!

Ford T-Bird & Fairlane parking at the Bonneau's for dinner

Jack M. detailing Yvonne's T-Bird while inspector Tom W. looks at the quality of work being done.

Nikki M. and Nancy G. getting to know each other

T-Birds from Tempe, Chandler and Payson arrive even with a headwind.

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Encanto Palmcroft Fair/Car Show/Historic Home Show
March 16th, 2025
Phoenix, AZ

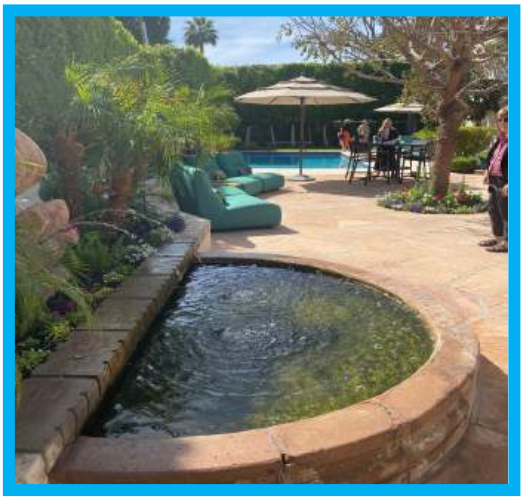
Submitted by: Bob Michele

A person (coordinator) of a large Phoenix street fair and home show contacted me wanting to know if the ACTC was interested in displaying their classic cars. After polling the members at our recent meeting, I told her we would be glad to attend.

On Sunday March 16th, 2025 twenty five members and two guests attended the Encanto-Palmcroft Home Tour & Street Fair. This historic neighborhood consists of beautiful homes that were built in the '20's & '30's. The properties were landscaped beautifully. In fact, many years ago, young Jimmy Rodgers, working for his father's landscaping business, mowed these lawns and trimmed the shrubbery. Years later, member Carter Rodgers also maintained the beautiful landscaping in this very neighborhood.

We brought twelve Baby Birds in several colors and one 56' Chevy to display. We truly had a prime parking area where we could set out all our chairs and sit together with good conversation. It was a little chilly in the morning but by 10:00 am, it became a beautiful mild sunny day with light breezes. As we gathered around 9:15 am, the ACTC members also had a chance to pickup their new ACTC T-Shirts.

The street fair consisted of 80 vendors with a wide variety of goods, services, live entertainment, and food. The home tour included twelve beautiful homes that the owners allowed attendees to go through. The coordinator gave us enough free passes to the home tour for all the ACTC ladies to tour. The coordinator of the event expected about 3000 visitors. I'm pretty sure they exceeded their expectations.



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Future Events

The Following events listed on this page are Near-term Club Events. See Page –11 for the full year events.

Sat. Mar. 29th— Day at the Scottsdale Pavilions, Bi-annual Outing Reserved Parking 12:00-Noon to 4:00pm arrival via Indian Bend Rd. west of Loop 101, **(Confirmed)**

Sun. Apr. 13th - American Legion (Irving B. Selmer Post 107) 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix, **ACTC-Meeting** Members arrive 8:30 am – 9:00 am Breakfast served @ 9:30 am Cost $16.00 ea.

Sat. Apr. 26th - American Legion Silver Rose Parade, Fountain Hills

Details will be in an upcoming ACTC event email.

SAVE the DATE! (Confirmed) - Early Registration Started last month!

The CTCI and VTCI joint hosted Inaugural Convention will be held in Grapevine, TX (Near DFW) from: September 9th – 13th, 2025. Join other Thunderbird enthusiast for this once a year gathering. ACTC members please sign-up for this event as soon as possible. Represent our ACTC support. This will be 5 days of Vintage/Classic Tbird Information, Judging, Awards, Tours, Food and plenty of fun shared with others who appreciate the Thunderbird as one of the worlds most iconic automobiles.

Host Information:

Embassy Suites Hotel with a special rate of $159.00/night, Reservation Code: C-90E
(Breakfast Included)
Address: 2401 Bass Pro Drive, North Grapeville, TX 76051. Ph#: 972-724-2600
Cutoff Date: August 12, 2025
Link: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/all-thunderbird-club-2025/
Note: The Host Hotel is selling out fast.

PLEASE NOTE !

All dates and events listed above are tentative

ACTC Year-2025 MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE (Tentative)

Thu. March 20th Trip to Mecum Auction State Farm Arena Glendale, AZ

Sat. Mar. 29th— Day at the Scottsdale Pavilions Outing, Bi-annual Reserved Parking 12:00-Noon to 4:00pm arrival via Indian Bend Rd. west of Loop 101, **(Confirmed)**

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TBD Tech Date: ***Notice: The planning date window has been moved to Fall or likely within the month of October-2025 for this ACTC event.***

(Still open to event subject matter suggestions). Need addition assistance with organizing this event!) Don Henderson, Mike Wood, Bob Michele, Jim Cook, Austin Eaton and Walt Bonneau have volunteered so far. **Update:** We are continuing to make progress on the Tech Day Event. Already excellent event suggestions have been submitted.

Sun. May 18th National Thunderbird Appreciation Day

The Board is currently meeting with the Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI) to arrange a joint Meeting/Cruise/Event. Cost TBD DETAILS TO FOLLOW VIA EMAIL

June, July, August Summer Vacation

There will be only 1 Summer Newsletter for the June/July/Aug months, to be issued in late July.

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

Sat. or Sun. Oct. 11th or 12th —TBD but… A Picnic /Meeting is being studied for these dates.

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

(Confirmed but, may also change)

Sat. Nov.. 29th — Day at the Scottsdale-Pavilions Outing Bi-annual Reserved Parking 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm arrival Event, **(Confirmed)**

Dec. 2025 Christmas party (TBD), in the works...

Note: Board Meetings will be scheduled as needed...

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Other ACTC Information to Know

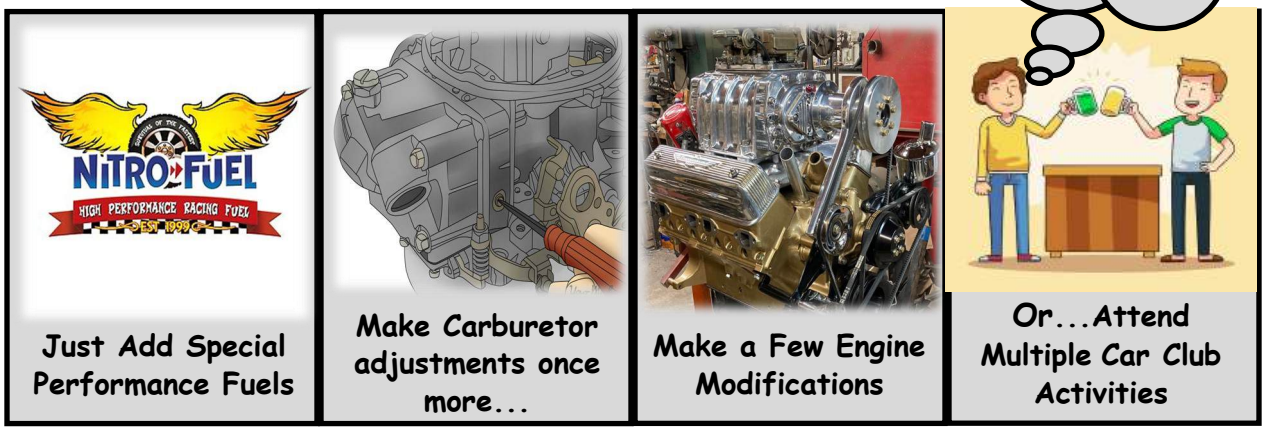
New ACTC Apparel Now Available for Sale

The new **ACTC women's and men's T-shirts** went on sale two-weeks ago. Sales have been good with 60% of the these shirts already sold. If you want to purchase a T-shirt made of 90 to 100% Soft-Cotton (Silk-screened, not iron-on stickers), you might want to reserve a T-Shirt or purchase one on Sunday April 13th at the American Legion ACTC Meeting. The price is set at $23.00 ea. for all of the T-shirts with the exception of the 2XL priced at $24.00 ea. Sample T-Shirt pictures are provided below

(See Page–13 for Walt or Chuck's contact information).

On The lighter-side of the Bird...

Proven Methods For Increasing Horsepow-



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The Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club (ACTC)

Founded as Chapter #35 of the CTCI on October 11, 1970 and Arizona Incorporated on November 30th, 1971. Originally established with six charter members but has continued to grow with well over 100 plus members with 68 Classic and Retro Thunderbirds in 2025. We are part of Southwest Region # 06 of CTCI's Regions.

The ACTC has membership from all over the State of Arizona and participates in various classic car show events throughout the State. Our Club Emblem is the State of Arizona with the Thunderbird.

Our President's Goal in 2025; to continue the growth of the club and it's membership while working toward establishing more ways for the membership to enjoy being part to the ACTC environment.

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Webmaster	**Russ Hanson**	**623-229-0210**

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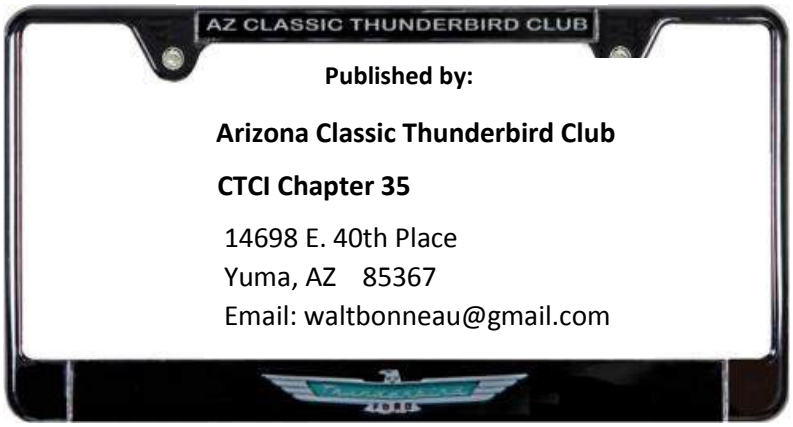

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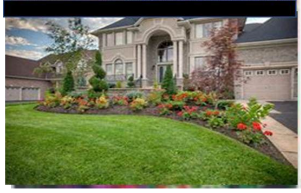

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