ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

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Summer Edition

This months featured Tbird is Rich Bialy's 1956 ***(By Rich Bialy)***

In 1987 I purchased my 1956 Thunderbird "D" code in an uncommon factory exterior color of Buckskin Tan (code-J) with a later, I added a dark brown fabric top. The color combination interior and exterior and other cosmetic features simply caught my eye and still does today.

The car was manufactured on June 8th, 1956 and appears to have been shipped to the Louisville, KY area but, later shipped to Los Angeles where the original buyer purchased the car. Making my Tbird a good candidate for this Summer's edition of the ACTC newsletter's featured car on the month, I am pleased it was chosen.

After a few months after I purchased the car and drove it around, I realized it needed several upgrades to make it more reliable and comfortable to drive. So, the adventure to improve my Tbird over the next 2 decades was in motion. These improvements included: Adding Air Conditioning, Electronic Ignition, Disc brakes with Dual Master Cylinder, Sway-bars, Air-shocks, Lifeguard Seat Belts, After market Wire Wheel Hubs and had the tired 312 Cid engine rebuilt. Later, I added front driving lights that are mounted within the chrome bumper "Dagmar's" as seen in the top center photo below. All of these upgrades have significantly improved the cars drivability. At 153,000 miles, it is performing well but, I would still like to see the overall reliability of the car improve even more in the near future.

As for the cars history, I know I am the second owner and the car was generally well taken car of but, had been driven almost a 101,000 miles. Hence the two decades of improvements. I purchased the car from the owner who was from California but had moved to the Phoenix area. She sold the car to me too keep the peace because her two son's both wanted the car. The pictures I provided especially the one taken with the lighting strike is indicative of the Native American meaning of the Thunderbird, take notice of my cars color change due to the very bright lighting flash from Buckskin Tan to almost a yellow in this summer lighting storm.

After joining the ACTC in late 1987 (I can't believe its been 28 years), I have taken the car on many events/tours/Etc. My longest trips were to Yuma for a car show and Southern California. On average, I now drive this Bird 2,000 miles-

per year. Both my fiancé Maria and I enjoy the ACTC club events and conversing with the many other club members, about Tbird stuff and general conversations. We are pleased with our many awards that our special Bird has won, especially achieving Senior Gold status at several CTCI conventions. So, for us, it has not just been about the car. It has more so been about a vehicle that led us to friendships and experiences we never would have known. Even including being President of the ACTC and CTCI President 3 times. Amazing how one simple car from eBay can be such an influence on our lives.

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From the President's Desk

"Inside looking through the Porthole"

by: Douglas Shearer

Fellow ACTC T-Birders,

Well summer is here, Memorial Day came and went. A lot of our snow birds took off to get back to their breeding grounds so to speak and now the heat is settling in. We had our last meeting on 4/13 at the American Legion which went very well. Jim Rogers presented the Buck Hoag award via cell phone to Chris Ames in North Carolina. We all heard the conversation over the loudspeaker so we could all hear. Chris earned the award for all he has done in support of ACTC, as well as his engineered water pump spacer that has since been proven and accepted throughout the various Tbird communities/CTCI members nationally. Well done Chris.

April 26th ACTC and VTCI had over 12 Thunderbirds as we were invited to participate in American Legion Silver Rose Parade in Fountain Hills. We celebrated with those veterans that are suffering from Agent Orange and had the opportunity to have each veteran ride in each car. What a thrill to meet them and have them tell their story as to what they experienced. Very touching. Our cars lead the parade through the streets and people were waving as we went by. What a great day for all.

On May 18th as part of Thunderbird appreciation day, ACTC and our club neighbors at VTCI again met at the Penske museum to walk through a history of Indy style cars that were on display and that have won many races as part of the Penske team. Each car on display had a write up as to who drove the car and what race the car/driver were entered in. What a history to see these race cars and the different styles each car had depending on the year of competition. After the tour some of our club members went to have lunch at Cold Beer & Cheeseburgers very near to the museum. All in all we had a terrific day and got to meet some of the other members of VTCI. Hope to plan more events with our neighbors in the coming months. Thanks Bob M. again for putting this event together.

Since our club is now off for the summer months June through August this summer newsletter will serve as club coverage until our September meeting on the 7th at the American Legion. At that time we will discuss the possibility of holding a Tech Day. Details to follow. Also 6 of our members will be off to the Annual CTCI convention in Grapevine, Tx. 9/10-14th). With that said I offer this little thought:

***"A Friend is one who incessantly pays us the compliment expecting from us all the virtues, and who can appreciate them in us"*. Henry David Thoreau**

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 $39,900.00. Located in Phoenix, AZ Contact: Pat Fenlon Ph# (602)-768-5458. SOLD!**

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

New For Sale, Thousands of 2002-5 Retro Tbird parts now available at Reliable Auto Parts in Yuma, AZ.

(See last page for Advertisement)

What's in that Tbird Trunk For Sale?

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

Contact: waltbonneau@gmail.com

⇒ 1956/57 thunderbird, **black canvas soft-top**, clear back window, with all hardware included (Swing arm). Ready to install. Asking $2950.

Contact: Allen Mccutchen Ph #: 602-684-0737

An offering of 233 year old wisdom by Our Nation's 3rd President, Happy 250th Birthday to Our Nation's US ARMY (June 14th) and Happy 249th Birthday to Our Nation (July 4th):

"A nation, as a society, forms a moral person, and every member of it is personally responsible for his society."
—Thomas Jefferson

⇒ Offering several **Vintage Memorabilia** items that are "**All about Thunderbird".** Below is a sampling of this extensive +30 year collection as depicted, plus many other items. If you are interested in seeing the collection and to purchased one or more of these collectables, they are being offered for sale by:

Rich Bialy— Txt or call at (480-231-0879)

A Show Quality **1959 Thunderbird** "Square Bird" fully functional power convertible for sale. This car has been lightly driven with low mileage and garaged for its restored life. This car is a true classic beauty and well maintained. The car is loaded and offers: Leather seats, Factory Air-Conditioning, Power everything and a 352 V8. rated at 300hp. Located in the Phoenix area.

Asking $47,500.00. Interested parties can contact:
Jim Rodgers at Ph #: (602)-300-5792 or
email: iAMJR1@cox.net

Tech Facts

A Few Tech Tips To Assist In Managing The Hot Summer Months While Driving Your Tbirds.

By: Don Henderson and Walt Bonneau
July, 2025

The hot summer months that we experience here in the Southwest brings additional operational challenges for our Tbirds if, we elect to drive them trouble free during this season, we should consider the following tech tips:

It is important to consider the stress being placed upon the engines **V-Belts.** When the air conditioner compressor and generator/alternator are working overtime and the temperatures of the engine is reaching +200 degrees Fahrenheit as it works to create the higher horsepower necessary to provide for the demand.

What should we consider in our selection of V-belt types. In example; the “wrapped” V-belt or a “Cogged” V-Belt?

The wrapped V-Belt uses a continuous “V” shape nylon or steel cored rubber belt that fits the V shape of the pulley. These belts are designed to operate around 140-150^{0}F. Excess temperatures will shorten the life of the V-Belt. In addition, such V-Belts provide slightly less grip to the pulley surfaces when under heavy load factors. So why would anyone choose a non-cogged V-Belt?

Its mostly about economics, they are less expensive and often are more available in many different sizes. The bottom-line, If the work load is not extreme they perform well.

Having that understanding brings us to the choice of selecting a cogged V-Belt for our Tbirds. Given our high operational temperatures in the summer makes for an excellent reason to spend a bit more on a cogged V-Belt. In addition, we must remember that our Tbird’s new from the factory offered a generator and no air conditioner. Therefore, the wrapped continuous V-Belt equipped from Ford performed well with the 292 and 312 Y-Block.

As Ford dealers/independent shops added after market air conditioning and upgraded alternators providing more amperage, the added pulley loads placed more demands on to V-Belt(s). The improved cogged V-Belt provided improved grip, higher temperature tolerances , cooler belt operational temperatures and the ability to fit tightly around smaller pulley dimensions.

Remember not all cogged V-Belts are manufactured the same. It is important to select a high quality V-Belt manufacturer. It will prove to last longer, reduce belt stretching and the need for frequent tightening's, as cheaply made belts with stretch more. Quality V-Belts to name a few: Goodyear, Gates, Optibelt, Bando and Mitsuboshi.

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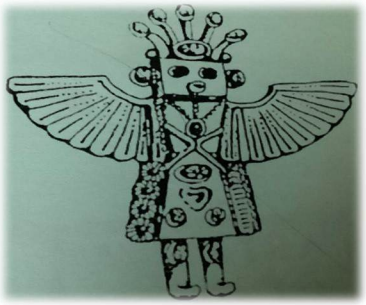
Historical Facts

Thunderbird’s Symbolic History adopted by Ford in 1954.

By: Walt Bonneau and contributions from Google Search

Background: In Navajo, the word for Thunderbird is Ii'ni (pronounced "ee knee"). The Thunderbird is a significant figure in Navajo culture, often associated with thunder, lightning, and the awakening of spring. It's depicted as a large bird with six stars representing months, and is said to carry clouds in its tail. The below image was adopted by the Navajo and later by the ACTC. (*More on that later in this article).*



Many Native American Indian tribes acknowledge the spiritual/ mythological thunderbird. Some of these tribes are: Lakota, Hopi, Zuni, Navajo, Algonquain and the northwestern tribes of Haida, Kwakiuti and Tlingit. Often the thunderbird was core to their art palette. The totum pole featured the thunderbird at its crest, as depicted below:

What is most interesting; is the fact that many Native American tribes from the Northeast/west to the Southwest had the thunderbird as a prominent figure in mythologies a spiritual god and their art.. Even when they were separated by thousands of miles.

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(Historical Facts)

The Thunderbird to many of the Native Americans represented the god/spiritual being that controls the Thunder, Rain and Lighting, as well as a representative of the spring season and new birth. It also is considered to be the god that offers power, protection and strength as it controls the sky above inclusive of the clouds.

The physical description per the Native American legend describes the Thunderbird as a large vulture or eagle-like bird with a wingspan of 20 feet or even larger. It would often have large brightly colored feathers, a bald head, and curved horns. Some accounts tell of sharp teeth in its beak and that it had large talons to grab. The following is a typical Southwest tribal representation of the Thunderbird:

ACTC Thunderbird Is a Recognized Symbol

On January 18, 1990 The State of Arizona registered the Bola; Having the thunderbird adorned in Silver, Turquoise and Coral as the official trademark of the ACTC. Further, the State acknowledged that the Bola Tie was first used by the ACTC on March 13, 1977. To this date; the Thunderbird Bola continues as one of prime ACTC clubs symbols. The symbol was choose as it depicts the Southwest heritage of the ACTC's founding in 1971 in Phoenix, AZ. Below is a picture of one of the original ACTC Bola Ties made by a Navajo artist in the late 1970's:

Ford and its Selection of the Name Thunderbird (*Taken from Ford's Newsroom*)

While the production of the car was nearing completion, Ford had a problem—they lacked a name for their new sports car. 5,000 names for the vehicle were suggested including Beaver, Detroiter, Runabout, and Savile. These names were unimpressive to the team working on the sports car. Car designer Louis D. Crusoe. offered a $250 suit (+$1,200 today) to anyone who could do better. Ford stylist Alden Giberson stepped up to the challenged and recommended the name that the team would eventually go with—Thunderbird.

The first appearance of the Thunderbird was February 20, 1954 at Detroit's first post-war auto show. The vehicle was featured as a more personal car choice than just a sports car concept, having it's two-seater configuration and an overall build that would allow it to carve its own niche in the existing vehicle market place. The first Thunderbird came off the line at the Dearborn Assembly Plant in September of that same year. With a price tag of between $2,695 and $3,750 the vehicle was an immediate hit, with buyers describing the car as a "morale builder that is real fun and sporty to drive."

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(Tech Facts)

In the hot summer months it is especially important to also pay attention to the **type of fuel** that we use in our Tbird's. These recommendations extend into the other three seasons of the year, as well.

To best understand the fuel options available there are gasolines with 5-10% Ethanol and Non-Ethanol. So what is the difference?

Your Tbird was originally designed to run on Non-Ethanol gasoline. Non-Ethanol gasoline has more energy providing on average 5% better fuel mileage. It resist water contamination and is friendly to most rubber, plastic and nylon components originally equipped in your Tbird, being part to your Tbirds original fuel system. Also Non-Ethanol fuels are less susceptible to Vapor Lock which can occur in high elevations and in hot ambient temperatures. So what's the downside of simply using non-Ethanol gasoline? For one, it is not always easily available. In addition, it can be more costly than using 91-93 octane Ethanol fuels. Lastly, when you do find it, it will likely only have 88-89 Octane which maybe non-sufficient to keeping your engine happy. To solve this lack of necessary octane, a octane booster will need to be added to every tank of fuel. Octane boosters are easily available from most auto part stores. A reputable octane booster will add 3-4 octane per a 12.0 Oz bottle to a 20 gallon tank. In example; 89 Octane Non-Ethanol fuel should yield a 93 octane rating at minimum. Suitable for a 1957 Tbird, as mentioned below.

We start with what is available: The best fuels start with gas stations who provide a top tier brand. There is a emblem on the pump or handle. Most stations have 82-89-93 octane' If they offer Non-Ethanol it will be 88-89 octane (*See above paragraph on octane additives).*

So what does my Tbird need? In the case of the 1955 Thunderbirds having a compression ratio of 8.1 to 1.0 and if the heads have not been milled. You most probably could use 89 octane with no problems. In the case of the 1956 Thunderbirds having a compression ratio of 8.4 to 1.0, also 89 octane should work just fine but, 92-93 octane would be better especially if you drive it hard. The 1957 Thunderbirds having a compression ratio of 9.7 to 1.0 should use 93 octane only. If your ignition timing is set to specs and under hard acceleration, it should not ping or hesitate to respond.

Notes: insufficient octane in your car's gas tank may cause the following negative results:

- ◊ Under performing acceleration "Spark Knocking" and "Pinging"
- ◊ After ignition is turned off Dieseling (The engine may continue to try to run after the ignition is turned off).

All of the above may result in engine damage over a period of time.

REMEMBER TO USE THUNDERBIRD GASOLINE! >>>>>

(Good luck finding this Gas.)

Classic Thunderbird Movie/TV Series Trivia

a. Who was the first Latino rock-and-roll musician of the 1950's" who unfortunately died in an airplane crash with three other major rock musicians in winter of 1959?

b. In the 1987 movie about his life's story, highlighted the Thunderbird his manager purchased for him to drive. What was this Thunderbird's: Model/type, year and color of the car? How did he feel about this Thunderbird?

c. What was this 1987 movie's title?

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May 2025 ACTC Board Meeting Minutes

ACTC met informally on May 18th at the Penske Museum followed by a group lunch but, no formal meeting was held, meeting minutes were therefore not taken. Our next meeting (after the Summer Break) with be held on September 07th at the American Legion Post 107 at the Cave Creek/Phoenix location and our meeting minutes will commence. **No Meeting Minutes**

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A Special Vintage News/Advertisement Article Issued by FORD in 1963

Reading the advertisement attached below pretty much speaks for itself, tells all about the influence that Thunderbird had in the successful promotion of not just Thunderbirds but that of other Ford products from 1956 though 1970 (yes the 292 CID "Y-Block" in 1955 put Ford in motion). Ford was truly on a roll with their amazing engines ranging from the 312 CID in 1957 to the 1969 429 CID Cobra Jet. horsepower ranged from: 245/300hp in 1957 to 600hp (427 CID SOHC) offered in 1963/64. The Boss 429 produced in excess of 375hp while the 429 SCJ (Thunderbird/Cobra Jet) produced 425/495hp. On sea or land these engines were a force to be desired, respected and mastered right into the winners circle. ***Note:*** *The horsepower ratings were difficult to pin down because Ford was trying hard to down play their high horsepower engine offerings in order to minimize Federal Government "concerns and insurance companies adding much higher coverage rates".*

Ford's 1960's NASCAR entries dominated the victory circle with the most wins with drivers such as: Cale & LeeRoy Yarborough, David Pearson's (69' G-Championship). In 1967 Richard Petty's 440 Hemi Plymouth won over the Ford team but, barely.

A. The one with the seagoing Thunderbird V-8!

That salty winner being hoisted clear of the water is Mike Wallace's Tiny Tim, whose powerful Thunderbird engine proved too much for the 84 other ski boats in this year's Orange Bowl classic. On the road or planing over Miami's blue-green waters, Ford's mighty power plant is a tone poem of V-8 performance.

The landlocked vehicle is available with one of six Thunderbird V-8's from 164 to 425 horsepower. These strong, silent engines . . . when mated to one of four transmissions . . . make light work of those long portages between races. Ford's sturdy but supple rear leaf springs help make the Ford an outstanding tow car. Deep-foam bucket seats, and Ford's $10,000,000 ride, deliver captain and crew at the next launch site ready to show a clean white wake to the rest of the competition. The way to go to the boat races, obviously, is with an all-Ford-powered rig . . . the way the winners do!

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June/July/August

Name	Date
Mike Wood	6/07
Stuart Cannold	6/08
David Mason	6/10
Pat Cox	6/13
Kathy Postola	6/14
Wade Myers	6/15
Steve Kovacic	6/18
Jim Rodgers	6/22
Virginia Snyder	6/22
Donna Sioles	6/24
Stewart Wright	6/29
Dale Lillard	6/30

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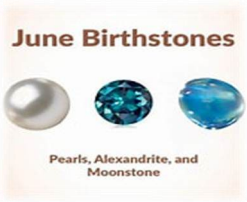

June the Month of 3-Stones

July the Ruby Month

August the Peridot Month

⇒ ***June*** *is officially the start of the Summer. The Pearl became so expensive that two other stones were added to represent the month.*

⇒ ***July*** *celebrates the birth of the United States, Canada and French Bastille. It is also the hottest month in the Northern-Hemisphere.*

⇒ ***August*** *is the start of the harvest season. In the* southwest it is typically the month of monsoon's making it the wettest SW desert month.

June/July/August

Name	Date
Walt & Lynne Bonneau	6/06
Duane & Myrna Foster	6/07
Otis & Judy Wolkins	6/09
Don & Rosemary Henderson	6/09
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

July and August Anniversaries continued on Page–07

Interesting June/July/August Facts:

The Roman goddess Juno, for whom the month is named. (Representing Motherhood and Childbirth) **June**-abbreviated **Jun[a]**—is the sixth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars—the latter was/is the most widely used calendar in the world. Its length is 30 days. This month marks the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and contains the summer solstice, which is the day of the most daylight. In the Southern Hemisphere, it the start of the winter solstice, least sunlight.

June is the month of the Rose & Honeysuckle flowers.

July is the seventh month of the year and was named after the Roman general Julius Caesar in 44 BCE. Before being named July, it was called Quintilis, meaning 5th month in Latin as part to the early Roman calendar.
July is the month of the Larkspur & Water Lily flowers.

August is named after the first Roman emperor, Augustus Caesar. Originally, it was called Sextilis because it was the sixth month in the early Roman calendar. The Romans renamed it in 8 BCE to honor Augustus, who had already named July after Julius Caesar. August "borrowed" a day from February, making it a 28-day month. The name Augustus comes from the Latin word augustus, meaning consecrated.

August Is the month of the Gladiolus and Poppy Flowers.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries continued from Page–06

June/July/August

Name	Date
Gegg Thurston	7/01
Mary Wright	7/04
Steve Ulsund	7/06
Gail Dalmolin	7/12
Doug White	7/13
Rose Marie Buzby	7/16
Ellen Shearer	7/23
Terry Mosness	7/25
Howard Goldman	7/30
Mardy White	7/30

August

Jacki McKee	8/06
Beverly Lynch	8/28
Kate Marchisoto	8/31
Jose Luis Romero	8/31

June/July/August

Name	Date
George & Sherry Randall	7/04
Patrick Lewis & Kathy Postola	7/09
Doug & Mardy White	7/11
Wes & Jen Henderson/Taylor	7/16
Jack & Nikki Musselmann	7/19

August

Wade & Carol Myers	8/19
Dave & Cathy Burklund	8/20
Frank and Beverly Saccente	8/26

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Recent Events

April 26th, 2025 Fountain Hills "Silver Rose Parade" (Not covered in the May, 2025 Issue)

Submitted by: Bob Michele

This Event is being presented in the Summer Edition because it occurred after the May issues publication deadline.

Seven members from ACTC and seven members of VTCI met at the Fountain Hills American Legion Hall with their convertible Thunderbirds to participate in the Silver Rose Parade. The Silver Rose Honor is given to miliary veterans who were affected by Agent Orange often a cause of B-Cell leukemia, Ischemic Heart disease and Parkinson's disease.

The fourteen Thunderbird classics were pleased to chauffeur thirteen honorees, as well as the Fountain Hills Mayor Gerry Friedel and his wife during the parade.

The weather was perfect, sunny but not too hot. The parade route circled the famous fountain and lake.

ACTC and VTCI members gather for the Parade

14 Thunderbirds from the ACTC and VTCI are ready to Parade!

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Recent Events

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May 18, 2025 Penske Racing Museum Tour
A shared Tour with the ACTC and VTCI Car Clubs

Sunday May 18th, 2025 was **National Thunderbird Appreciation Day**. The weather was perfect so 28 ACTC members drove 13 Thunderbirds, along with 17 Vintage Thunderbird Club (VTCI) members and 9 of their Thunderbirds to the Penske Racing Museum in Phoenix/Scottsdale. The Museum even had an Indy 500 original brick finish-line from May 21, 1901.

After the tour of the museum several members broke up in to groups to hit the local restaurants for lunch in north Scottsdale. A group of 18 made their way to "Cold Beers & Cheeseburgers" enjoying good food and plenty of good conversations and friendship.

Future Events

The Following events listed on this page are Near-term Club Events. See Page –13 for the full year events.

"Arizona Beat the Heat" — ACTC's SUMMER BREAK

There will be one Chatter Newsletter publication released July 8th or so, that the membership may better stay connected with upcoming events, birthdays/anniversaries and prepare for our club's welcome back on Sept. 07, 2025 @ the American Legion.

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 10th – 14th, 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 3-4 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 and influential 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 Grapevine, TX 76051. Ph#: 972-724-2600

Cutoff Date: August 12, 2025

Link: https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/all-thunderbird-club-2025/

Notes:

- **The Host Hotel is now sold-out but, there are other choices available.**

Special Note: The ACTC's Club Members who plan to participation for the 70th Tbird Celebration in Grapevine, TX –CTCI/VTCI will include:

ACTC President: Doug Shearer
CTCI Ex-Officio/ACTC Treasurer: Chuck Thompson and Judy (Membership)
ACTC Editor & Ways & Means: Walt Bonneau & Lynne
(*Walt and Lynne with be trailering their 1957 Tbird*), *and are entered in the Judging*)
ACTC Member: Sheri Dohm

See Page-13 for the complete Calendar years Future Event Information >>>

PLEASE NOTE !

All dates and events listed above are tentative

ACTC Year-2025 MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE (Tentative)

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, Jim Rodgers 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.

June, July, August Summer Vacation

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

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Sunday. Sept. 07—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. **Please inform Bob Michele by August 31st, if you plan to attend.**

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

Sunday 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)

Saturday. 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

ACTC Apparel Still Available for Sale

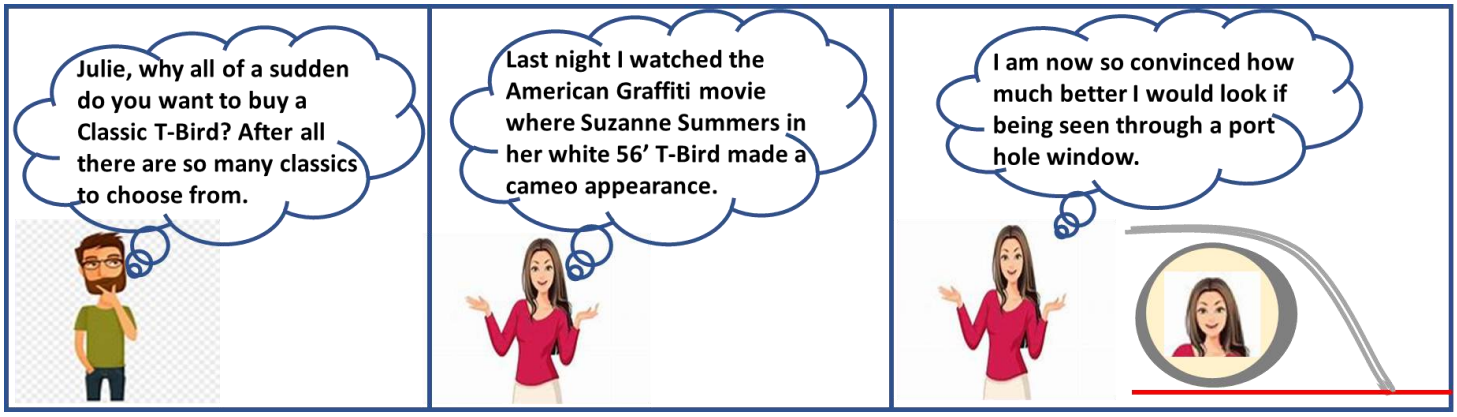
Reserve a T-Shirt now… (Inventory is low for some sizes)

The new **ACTC women's (SOLD-OUT) and men's T-shirts** went on sale 18-weeks ago. Sales have been good with 75% of the these shirts now sold. If you want to purchase a Men's T-shirt made of 90 to 100% Soft-Cotton (Silk- screened, not iron-on stickers), you might want to reserve/purchase a T-Shirt soon by contacting (Lynne or Walt Bonneau), there are only 15 shirts available. 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. There will not be a new order placed for at least one-year. Sample T-Shirt pictures are provided below:

(See Page–15 for Walt's contact information).

On The lighter-side of the Bird…

One way to justify a T-Bird purchase!



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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Other News, Events & Misc.

Welcome New Member (s)

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T-Bird Stuff

Contact Walt Bonneau: waltbonneau@gmail.com

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 16th 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. And the VTCI Phoenix Chapter. More to come...**

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A.) Ritchie Valens B.) Convertible "Square Bird, 1958 in Azure Blue C.) La Bamba.

New Membership Request;

See Judy Thompson

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Remember All meetings are

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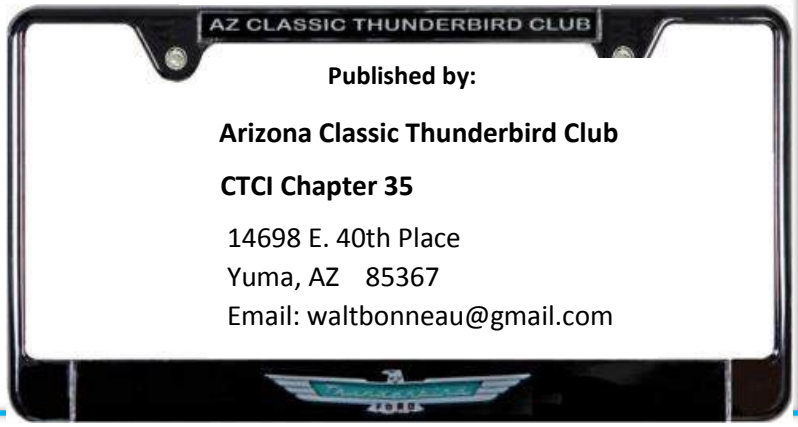

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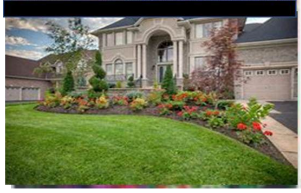

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