ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

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November

This Months Featured Tbird

Rosemary and I joined the ACTC T-Bird club in 1975 after meeting Bill Birmingham who was my Brother's father-in-law, who had 10 little Birds. I decided I wanted one… The one I bought was a 55" basket case that needed everything. It was Torch Red with White hard-top. After the body on restoration, our first trip was to Lake Havasu for the Annual London Bridge Days. We decided to name the Bird "Proud Mary", as she was rolling on the river. We won first place at Havasu of Wheels contest.

I have always wanted a 57" Bird. So, in 1976 I sold Proud Mary and purchased a 57' Starmist Blue from ACTC club member Bill Ritter. It has power steering, Overdrive Ford-O-Matic, 312 Cid Engine, radio & heater and was painted with a color we really loved. We decided to name her "Misty".

In 1983 we did a body on restoration of Misty. I had my own automotive shop and machine shop. I sent the car over to Mike Wood for body and paint work. It has had a few modifications done to it, as well. The engine is bored 30 thousands over. Installed TRW forged pistons, head work and balanced the engine. Overdrive Automatic transmission, added the Ames water pump spacer, electric radiator fan, AC unit and a 140 Amp Alternator. Also continued to improve the car by adding a Pertronix Ignition, disk-brakes (front only), integrated power steering gear box, 1.0 inch front & rear sway bars, electric controlled rear air shock system, 17 inch American racing mag wheels. Finally added a dark blue fabric convertible soft-top.

We have driven our 57" Thunderbird to Lake Havasu to celebrate London Bridge Days at least 10 times. Its been to many car shows in California, all over Arizona and Albuquerque, New Mexico. I managed to win a few awards along the way. We have enjoyed our Thunderbird and all of the activities associated with the ACTC.

I also had the opportunity to serve as the ACTC Club Treasurer, Vice President and President and received the Buck Hoag Award with my wife. It has been years of enjoyment and a significant part of our lives over the last 50 years. —*Don Henderson*

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From the President's Desk

"Inside looking through the Porthole"

by: Douglas Shearer

Fellow ACTC T-Birders,

Fall is definitely in the air as the temperatures around the valley are finally below 100 degrees. Whew, I thought it would never end!. Anyway, Halloween is next week and then Thanksgiving. A time to spend with family and friends and enjoy each other's company, and of course eat!

On October 18th ACTC had a Tech Day, the first in a long time and I must say it was well worth the wait. What a great time we had. In short, Jim Rogers was kind enough to host the event at his home in his beautiful multi-garage setting and he orchestrated the event. Walt Bonneau and his wife Lynne chaired the event. He presented a variety of topics on a huge screen that Duane Foster was able to acquire along with a microphone and speakers. The topics included Information: Covering the "Y" block engine, Installing PCV valves, Soft Top cleaning and general maintenance tips including setup and retracting/storing your soft top. In parallel, there were a dozen classic Tbirds and Lincolns/Continentals providing for a small car show offering, enjoyed by many. This included Jim's 1934 beautiful Lincoln, a Hemmings November, 2025 featured car.

We broke for lunch after which I gave an update on the September CTCI/VTCI joint convention in Dallas, TX followed by Walt giving a special Retro T-Birds update followed by honoring three of our 47, 48 and 50 year ACTC long term members. The last discussion was about keeping our little birds running cooler in which we discussed types of radiators and additional cooling fans to install to help the flow of coolant throughout the engine. Jim Cook and Don Henderson had their cars available to actually see these installations. All in all, a very successful day. I want to again thank the committee, Jim, Bob, Walt and Duane, as well as Jim Cook and Don Henderson who provided technical expertise, for their efforts in putting this together. Well done! Looking forward to another Tech Day.

Our next meeting is on 11/9 at the American Legion on N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix. I hope to see all of you at the meeting. Our Christmas Party will be on 12/6 also at the American Legion Post. Details to follow in the events pages of this newsletter. Should be a great time.
The best, Doug

With that said; I offer you this thought:
"Make the best of everything; Think the best of everybody; Hope the best for yourself" —- George Stephenson

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 Thunderbird, D Code, Starmist Blue. 312 V8, FoMoCo 3 speed automatic transmission, A/C, power steering & (front disc) brakes, electronic ignition, electric fuel pump, secondary electric fan. Very Good Condition, everything works, runs great. Asking $65,000 .**

Contact Bob Michele @ (602)-768-5710

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

⇒ **Body Repair Tools and display Item:**

* Astro Pneumatic Tool Co. - 13 piece Slide Hammer/ Puller Kit - complete $50.00
* A few auto body hammers and misc. $10.00
* Shot Filled Auto Body Dolly - looks new, Best offer.
* Tire cover for a stack of 4 tires/with card board stack - Michelin Brand, great garage art. They are on cardboard tubes for display $25.00**.** **Goodyear Stack Sold**
* **Or $80.00 for All above items (see pics below)**

Contact: Jacki McKee @ 602-361-4860

⇒ **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

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Ph: (928)-783-7803
Email: reliableautoparts.com

What's in that Tbird Trunk For Sale?

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⇒ 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.

Motivated-Asking $35,000.00. Interested parties can contact:

Jim Rodgers at Ph #: (602)-300-5792 or

Tech Facts

What about that Fuel Gauge no longer working?

Fuel Gas Tank Sensor/Dash Gauge not Reading

If your gas gauge is not working and you know there is at least 1/3 tank of gas, consider this procedure to locate the failure.

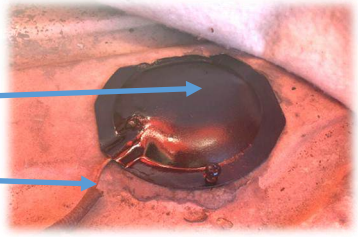
1st Step: Do not assume its the dash fuel gauge that has failed (Few fail).

2nd: Remove the trunk liner sufficient enough to gain access to the sensor access door. Remove the door held by one screw exposing the sensor.

3rd: The fuel Sensor per procedure provided below. Only proceed to step 4 if, the test procedure indicates failure and you have an available good replacement sensor.

Access Cap and Lock down screw on the exposed trunk floor, also provides the grounding.

Electrical wire feeds to the Dash



Fuel Sensor Test Procedure:

The sensor resistance per next paragraph instructions should read between 12ohms and 85 ohms while moving the float up and down, (dependent on gas tank fill level), if it is operating correctly (a 1/4 tank will read 25-35 Ohms).

Now place the Volt/Ohms meter to Ohms at the 100-200 Ohm range setting. Apply the ground probe to the top of the sensor metal housing and the positive probe to the center fuel gauge wire (pink in color) contact connector on the sensor and measure between them. If the Ohms reading are zero to low or very high to infinitely, you very likely have a bad fuel sensor assembly. You should also check the continuity between the sensor metal cap and that of the truck metal surface. Since, the sensor requires a good grounding between the two metals. You should be reading less than 1.00 Ohms showing good continuity. It is recommended to use a conductive grease to protect the connections upon any reassembly. If the fuel sensor ohmage reading are not correct or within range, proceed to Step 4. If not, proceed to step 6.

Note: *The original FoMoCo fuel tank sensor was known to last well over 10 years. However, it seems most of the Non-OEM fuel sensors provided today have a life cycle of 3-5 years and can be damaged by fuel additives. The good news is that they are relatively easy to replace thanks to Ford's design of an in trunk access door that is easily removed to gain access to the sensor for repair.*

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Historical Facts

A work of beauty by Ford that set the Stage for Future Styling of the Thunderbird

By: Walt Bonneau and Jim Rogers

In this months issue of Hemmings magazine our own ACTC member Jim Rodger's 1934 Lincoln KB–LeBaron was the featured car, number 43 of 45 built and only 1 of 3 still known in existence. What a well earned honor, this car is, an art piece of beauty in styling and features, and of Concourse status today.

Jim's father (James Owen) had purchased the car in 1957 and had just restored the car when he sold it in late the 1960"s. Jim Rodgers had keep track of the car all those years and re-purchased it in 2018.

This car was not made available for the average Ford customer but, more so to maintain Ford Motor Company position as a car company that was capable of going toe-to-toe with any manufacturer of luxury cars. At that time, Packard, Cadillac, Duesenberg, Pierce-Arrow and Franklin were the desired luxury brands.

1934 Lincoln KB LeBaron

Remember the Great Depression was in full swing when this car was in the "show room" but, the super wealthy that still had the means to purchase such cars, did. In today's dollars, these cars would have cost you $135K-$140K. The depression did take its toll. By 1939 the luxury car companies had been reduced to Cadillac, Lincoln and Packard. Packard closed shop in 1958.

This 1934 Lincoln KB-LeBaron was equipped with a V12 engine, three Speed transmission, leather upholstery and accompanied by a nice list of quality features wrapped in an amazing body. Capable of a top speed of 85 mph. This was a personal luxury car where two persons could travel in luxury while having the ability to carry those over-sized suit cases of-

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Historical Facts

the times. There was even a special compartment to carry two sets of golf clubs, Now that is luxury!

As for the cars styling; the front grill was borrowed from the highly desired 1933/4 Ford Sedan/Coupe with the sizing increased and an adorned with a few special chrome bezel. Even today, an authentic Ford Sedan 33/34' front grill is valued $2.5K-$3K, this car's original front grill is irreplaceable and priceless.

The passenger cabin was spacious for two and equipped with high-quality gauges and dash wood finishes. The instrument gauges are of the finish quality and give the appearance of being manufactured by a quality watch maker. You close the door on this car and you know that Ford used heavy high-quality American steel. The wire wheels are of the best quality complimented by a matching incased spare tire. The convertible top is made of thick canvas fabric and adds to the cars overall beauty that goes quite well with the marron paint works.

It is only fair to give recognition to one of our long-term newsletter sponsor Jorge Sommerer, who was commissioned by Jim to restore the car's luster by doing body work and the restoration paint job.

On a last note: Today's car engines are usually in a plastic shrouded cover, giving the appearance of being clean and simple. Well this car's V12 engine has design qualities within engine and engine bay that exposes many detail finished. Showing just how beautiful an engine compartment can be. Not until the 1955-57 Tbird can on the seen, did Ford work so hard to make the engine compartment look like a piece of automotive art work (the Y-Block) again.

The ACTC wants to extend its appreciation toward the Jim Rodgers' family who gave all us the opportunity to have an in person view (ACTC's October Tech-Day-2025), of this master piece within the history books of automotive design.

Reminder Special Event: Route 66 100th Anniversary Fun Run May I & 2, 2026

REGISTRATION FOR THE FUN RUN

You can attend the actual Fun Run from Seligman to Kingman, and Fun Run car show in Kingrnan, for fiee. You can drive the Route 66 runs and then park on an adjoining street to the car show and walk around the show and view the cars for free" and could even drive your family car if your collector car will not make the trip. But if you want your car in the car show, you will need to enter your car. To enter your car in the Saturday Kingman show-, call the gift shop number 928-753-5001. and you will need to pay the car show fee of $120 with your credit card. This includes a shirt and gift bag. You will also need to tell them if you want your car judged for awards. The awards will be on the Sunday, May 3,2026, in Kingman, after check out of our hotels. *Note: Next year the car show will again be the regular $66 fee.*

BOOKING A HOTEL ROOM You are free to stay at any hotel where you desire and can find a room. but I have booked a block of 8 rooms in Williams for Friday, May l, 2026,and 8 rooms in Kingman for Saturday, May 2,2026.

For the Williams rooms on Friday, May 1 ,2026: call the Travel Lodge. 430 E. Route 66, Williams. AZ. (928) 753-5001, and I booked 4 king bedrooms at $120, and 4 double queen bedrooms at $ 135 under Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club. Reserve your room with your credit card and pay when you arrive, and these are able to be cancelled on or before Aprll1.2026^ but you need to save them now.

For Kingman rooms on Saturday, May 2,2026: call the Arizona Inn, 411 W. Beale Street. Kingman. AZ, (928) 753-5521. I booked 4 king bedrooms at $105. and 4 double queen bedrooms at $120 under Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club. Reserve your rooms with your credit card and pay when you arrive, and your rooms are able to be cancelled 2 days in advance, but you need to save them now.

SO: (l) Book your rooms in the next 10 days. (2) If you book now and we run out of rooms, I can probably get more rooms if we act fast, and can modify the types of rooms, eg.- 6 kings and 2 double queens.

EMAIL ME AT ThurstonFamil@yahoo.com.

SO, I CAN KEEP TRACK OF ALL PLANNING TO ATTEND.

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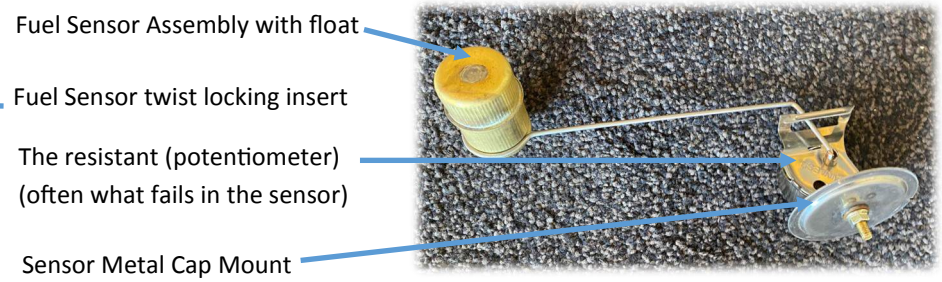
(Tech Facts)

4th: CAUTION! *needed on this next step or two. Remember, once the fuel sensor is removed the gas and its fumes are exposed to the open air. Highly recommended, that plastic tools and a rubber hammer are used to prevent metal to metal sparks. In addition, best if the fuel tank is less than 1/3 tank. Be very careful not to drop anything into the tank while the sensor hole is open.*

To remove the sensor: remove the pink fuel gauge wire by pulling up, than remove the circular holding ring by taking a hard plastic punch and position it on the rings lip (the trunk cover plate is removed). Lightly hit the punch in a clockwise direction. About an inch turn to release the ring, remove and pull gently out the sensor assembly.

Fuel Gas Tank Trunk Cover Removed



TeamCo Fuel Sensor Assembly P/N 9275C (1957 Tbird)

You can apply the resistance procedure in step 3 while the sensor is out for a secondary test by moving the float up and down while the Volt/Ohm meter is connected. Still not getting the right reading proceed to step #5.

5th: If the sensor fails to read the range of mention ohmage above, then replace the fuel sensor assembly (cost is under $100.00). Once the locking twist ring is removed, the sensor can easily be pulled out and the new one installed. Upon installation of the new sensor with fuel gauge wire connected. Check the dash fuel gauge (ignition on), the gauge should start moving toward the full mark (dependent on the how full the gas tank is). This fixes at least 80% of the sudden no fuel reading issue. If by chance that did not fix the problem than proceed to step 6th.

6th: At this point, your Tbird either has a wiring continuity issue (from fuel sensor or the ignition switch), or the gauge has simply failed. To proceed, check from the fuel sensor wire connection all the way to the gauge. If there is more than 1-3 ohms reading, it is likely the 70 year old copper wiring has oxidized and become too resistant. Time to replace the wiring run. If the tested wire continuity is good than it is highly likely the gauge has failed and or the wiring from the ignition. (*Note: there have been ignition switch failures that cause the gauges to not being powered*).

Yes, it is very nice to have a fuel gauge that works correctly!

Classic Thunderbird Movie/TV Series Trivia

1) **What famous country music star reached the top of the Country Charts in 2008 with a music video, album and single ?**
2) **What was the name of his hit song and what was it about?**
3) **In the music video as it ends his wife picks him up in car named Good Times, what was the car, year and color?**

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November -2025 ACTC Board Meeting Notice

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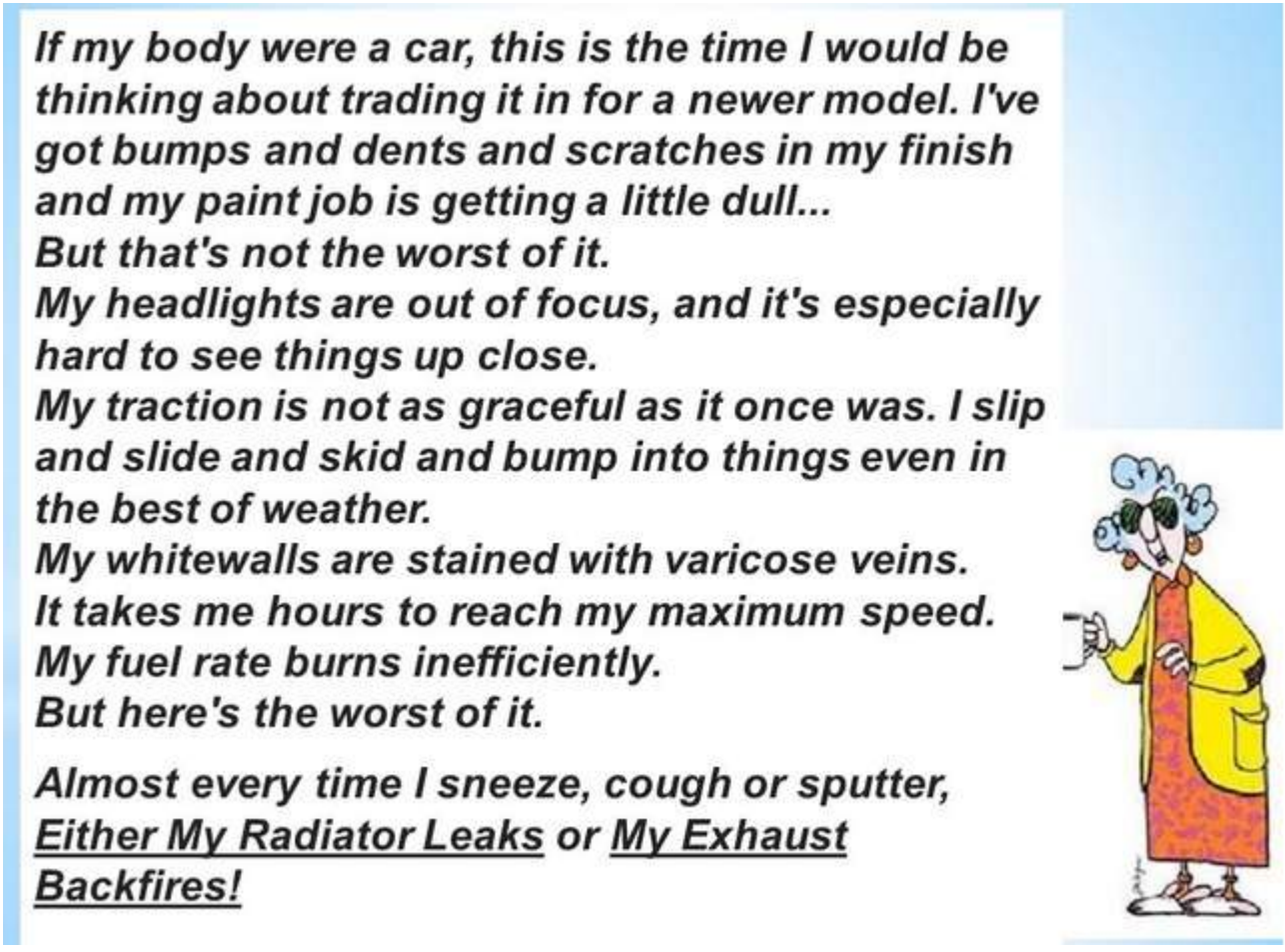
The Next ACTC Board Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday November 4th at 12:00 Noon. To address several topics for the upcoming 2026 year.

Email President Doug Shearer if you wish to provide comments/input on year 2026 Club activities or other related input.

November 2025 ACTC Member Meeting Minutes to be published in the December-2025 Newsletter

This little bit of humor should keep you smiling until the next ACTC Meeting Minutes,

Provided by Jacki McKee



November

Name	Date
Jeannie Wood	11/13
Otis Wolkins	11/11
Myrna Foster	11/14
Tracey Mosness	11/14
Judy Thompson	11/24
Dulcie Martin	11/27

November Birth Stone (Topaz)

Some believe the word “topaz” comes from the Sanskrit word *tapas*, which means “fire.” Others trace it back to the Greek *topazos.* This November birthstone was long thought to have many benefits. The ancient Greeks believed that topaz gave them strength. From the 1300s to the 1600s, Europeans thought it could thwart magic spells and dispel anger. For centuries, many people in India have believed that topaz worn above the heart assures long life, beauty and intelligence. Brazil is a primary source to this stone.

November

Name	Date
Steve and Debi Ulsund	11/11
Mike and Jeannie Wood	11/24

New Members: (Welcome!)

Carol Smith and Stephen Kemery, Gilbert, AZ

Interesting November Facts:

Astrology,

November is known for it abundant meteor showers:

November meteor showers include the Andromedids, which occurs from September 25 to December 6 and generally peak around November 9–14, the Leonids, which occurs from November 15–20, the Alpha Monocerotids, which occurs from November 15–25 with the peak on November 21–22, the Northern Taurids, which occurs from October 20 to December 10, and the Southern Taurids, which occurs from September 10 – November 20, and the Phoenicids; which occur from November 29 to December 9 with the peak occurring on December 5–6. The Orionids, which occurs in late October, sometimes lasts into November.

Another November Fact of Interest: We all know that Thanksgiving Holiday is very closely associated with the

The November Flower:

Chrysanthemum

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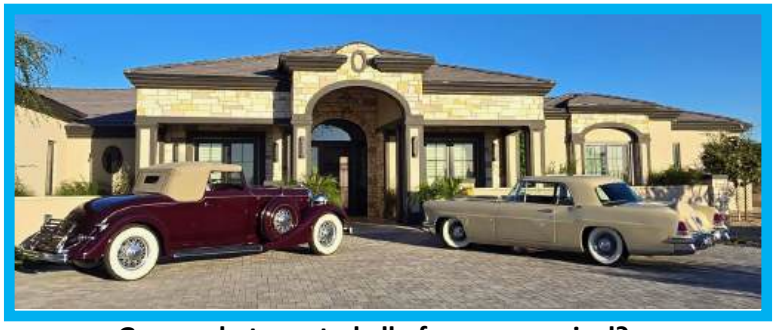
Recent Events

Oct. 18th: ACTC Tech Day-2025 Event
Litchfield, AZ
Hosted By Jim Rodgers

Tech Day-2025 was well attended by 31 members and 3 guest. It was nice to have six women in attendance. The meeting was organized by: Jim Rodgers Bob Michele, Walt Bonneau, Doug Sheerer and Technical support provided by Jim Cook, Don Henderson and Mike Wood. Our session ran from 9:15am until 1:40pm. Overall a totally fun, tech informative day and plenty of good food and drink. Even resolved a few technical issues on member's cars. The attendees were so nice to have helped at end of day by cleaning-up Jim's large and greatly appreciated use of his garage. We look forward to further improvements to our agenda for 2026' (See this years agenda on page-10). We are also open to members suggesting new interested topics for next year.



Guess what greeted all of us upon arrival?

Don Henderson and Jim Cook showing the best way to keep your Tbird running cool.

Our AV guy (Duane Foster) showing his parking direction skills

We pause to recognize 3 members with 47., 48 & 50 years of membership & service with the ACTC. Jim R., Mike W. & Don H.

The ACTC made use of the 4-Post lift in one garage stall to locate a members fluid leak, Nice!

Total focus from the attendees...

ACTC Tech DAY

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Recent Events

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The agenda included:

⇒ A professional rebuild of a 55 Tbird 292 Cid "Y-Block Build Video backed by Henderson Motor Sports.

⇒ A PVC Installation video and Q & A session

⇒ T-Bird Cooling System Enhancements & Demonstration

⇒ Soft-Top methos video to retract and open with tips

⇒ Soft-Cleaning Video with 303 demonstration

⇒ Tips on correct motor oil

⇒ Tips on correct Fuel and the effects of using Non-Tier-One gas (AAA 2 year study)

General Open discussions...

As Bob M. starts to prepare/serve for the upcoming lunch

A real car show exhibiting 14 cars including: Tbirds, Lincoln, Continental and Mustangs
A bonus for all the attendees.

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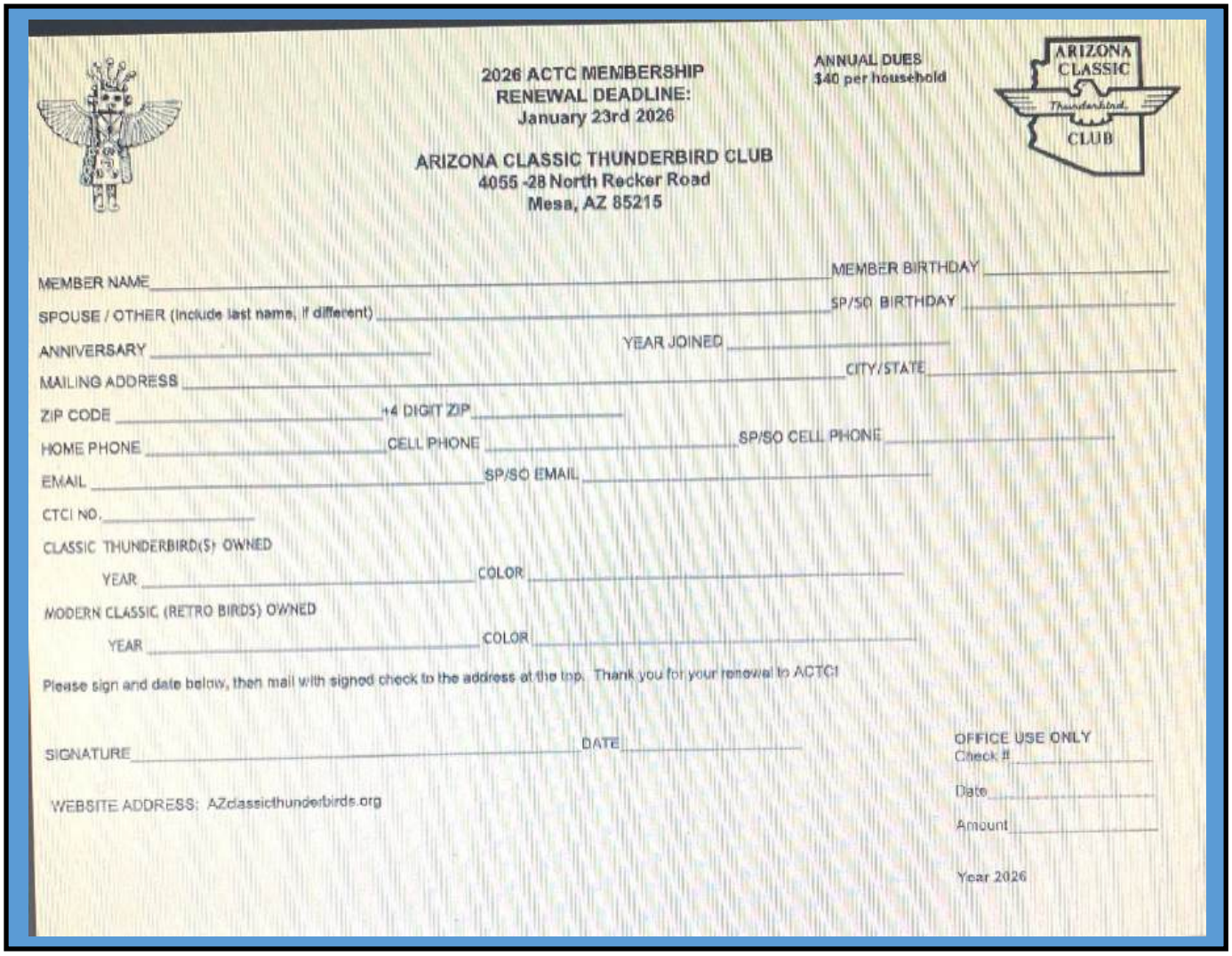
Future Events

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



2026 ACTC MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL DEADLINE:
January 23rd 2026

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 _____

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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 _____
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Year 2026

Don't Forget Your ACTC Registration Dues for 2026 are due by January 23, 2026!

Note: A Clean ACTC Registration Form can be had on the ACTC Website:

aztbirdclub@gmail.com

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ACTC Year-2025/2026 MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE (Tentative)

Sunday Nov. 09th —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 $16.00.

(Confirmed but, may also change, RSVP to Bob Michele by November 3rd)

Saturday December 06th, 2025 — ACTC's 2025 Christmas Party

Time: 4:00PM until 8:00pm Cost: TBD (Confirmed)

FUN, FUN is Planned! Dinner, Drinks, Dancing and Other events.

Location: The American Legion's Ballroom 20001 N. Carve Creek, Phoenix, AZ

Thanksgiving Day Fountain Hills Parade (*See next page for details*)

Sunday Jan. 11th —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.

Sunday January 18th, 2026 West Winds Resort Car Show in Yuma, AZ

Registration opens November 04, 2025, Cost is $25.00 and limited to 120 vehicles Contact: Walt Bonneau

Saturday March 14th, 2026 — Clarksdale, AZ Car Show

9:00AM-2:00PM
ACTC Organized Plan to Attend Event
Registration starts January 02, 2026
Estimated Cost: $25.00
Located 100 miles from Central Phoenix. Contact :Chuck Thompson

Sat. or Sun. Date —TBD but… A Picnic /Meeting Event:

Is under planning and being targeted for very early April, 2026.

Saturday February 07th, 2026 —Oro Valley Cruise, BBQ & Blues Car Show

Location: Oro Valley Marketplace | 10 AM – 3 PM

Note: All Participants Must Pre-Register. Standard Pricing (Jan 1–26): On Pavement: $55 | On Dirt: $40
Register: https://saaca.formstack.com/forms/february_7_2026_cruise_bbq_and_blues_festival_car_registration

Car Registration Includes:

- (1) Official Event T-Shirt
- (2) Adult Admission Lanyards
- Morning snacks, water, & coffee
- (5) Raffle Tickets (over $2,000 in prizes)
- Commemorative Dash Plaque
- Judged awards with artist-made trophies

Don't Forget Your CTCI Registration Dues for Year 2026 is now due!

PLEASE NOTE !

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Special ACTC Supported Event

November 27th, 2025 Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Veterans Parade

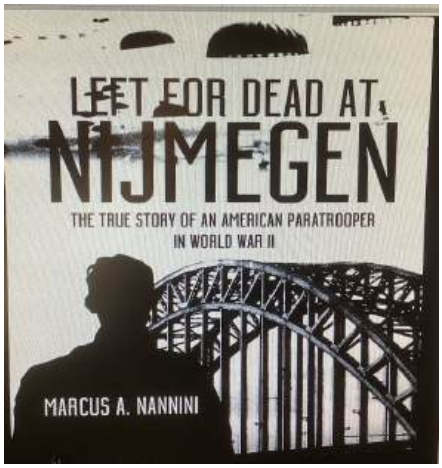
(Important!) Requesting a few move cars/drivers for the Veterans Parade.

We are currently looking for folks to sign up for the Thursday, November 27, 2025, Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Day parade. As in past years, we will be giving rides to the Fountain Hills VFW veterans and are the first entry at the front of the parade right behind the Color Guard. We are looking for drivers of convertibles or military vehicles. The Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club and Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club will be providing the rides.

The **parade starts at 9:30 am so we need the drivers there between 8:15-8:30 am** so we can be lined up and have the veterans assigned to your vehicles. Since we are the first in the parade we must be on time, and the parade only takes about 15-20 minutes, after which you will drop your veteran off at the parking lot where we started and can head home.

This is a great parade with a rather large crowd which, will be cheering for us and is the only parade of which I am aware, where we actually can give rides to veterans. So, if you can drive, don't miss out. To sign up, email Gregg Thurston at Thurstonfamily@yahoo.com or text to 602-509-0456 advising as to your name, email address, and vehicle you plan on driving. About 2 weeks prior to the parade, I will send all who signed up a copy of the map of the starting location and a map of the parade route.

Last year I gave a ride to WWII vet Gene Metcalf, age 102, a WWII paratrooper who parachuted behind enemy lines, was wounded, was captured in Holland, and was held as a prisoner of war until finally freed by the Americans.



FOUNTAIN HILLS

THANKSGIVING DAY VETERANS PARADE

Other ACTC Information to Know

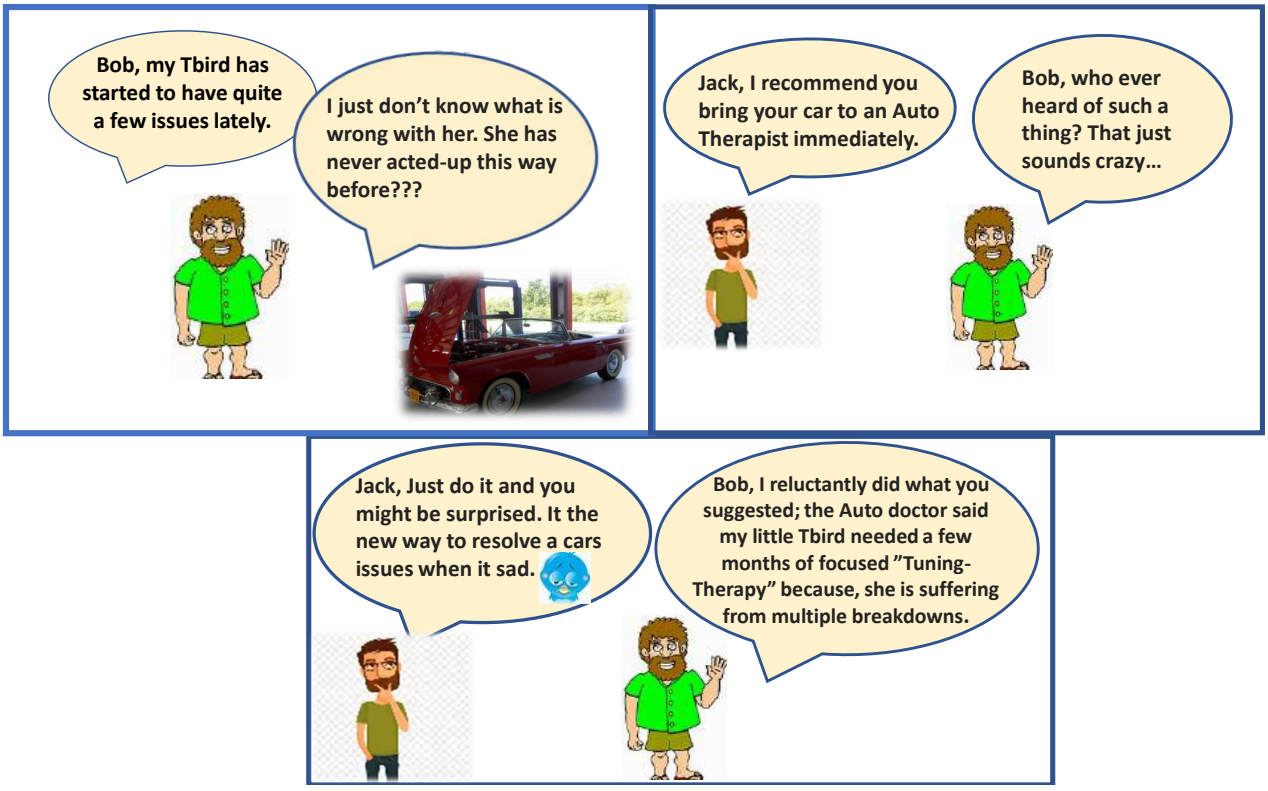
ACTC Apparel Still Available for Sale

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

The new **ACTC women's (SOLD-OUT) and men's T-shirts** went on sale 21-weeks ago. Sales have been good with 85% 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 10 shirts available. The price is now $20.00 ea. There will not be a new order placed for at least one or two-years. Sample T-Shirt pictures are provided below:

(See Page–16 for Walt's contact information).

On the lighter Side...



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.

Request for Newsletter Submissions:

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.

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Movie/TV Series Trivia Answers:

1.) Alan Jackson 2.) "Good Times" and was about the worlds longest Line Dance 3.) 1955 Thunderbird convertible in Colonial-White.

New Membership Request;

See Judy Thompson

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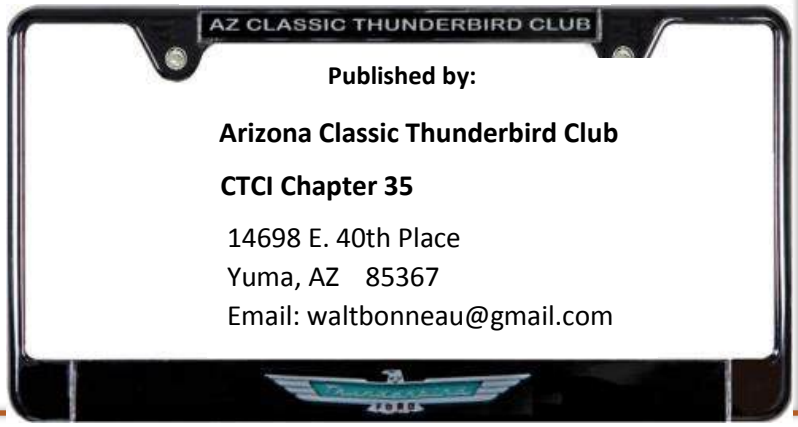

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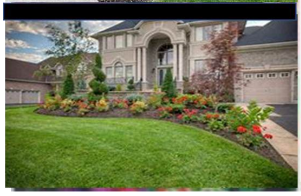

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