



ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

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October

The Road to Yesterday

by Douglas Shearer - President ACTC

I did not know much about vintage cars growing up, as I was more interested in sports, going to college, getting a job etc. I did however, have in the back of my mind someday owning one. The thought always eluded me during the years. Would I ever have the opportunity to afford a vintage car and to care for it?

That being said, fast forward to 1984 when my wife and I along with our newborn daughter moved into a cramped apartment on Long Island in NY. One day while walking across a supermarket parking lot, I noticed the most beautiful looking light blue 1957 Thunderbird passing right in front of me. At that moment I said to myself 'that's the car I want.' That vision stuck in my head for most of my adult life. I began going to car shows, speaking with the owners of Thunderbirds in an attempt to gain knowledge and hoping my opportunity would come to actually own one of these iconic cars. Years went by and fortunately I was able to retire in 2016. I said to my wife, 'now's the time'. I took a part of my retirement that accumulated for unused sick and vacation time and started the search.



At first, we discussed what color. We wanted that same sky blue one I saw way back in 1984 in the parking lot and I found one on-line that was owned by a woman who bought her car off a corner lot in Taos, NM. She had moved to Los Angeles with her daughter to pursue a career in entertainment and left the car on a lift in a garage in Taos. She sent me pictures and upon further review and discussions with her mechanic I told her I won't be buying her car. It needed a lot of work and it hadn't been started in a very long time. At that time, we were snowbirds traveling between AZ and PA. As we were going back east for the summer, still on the hunt for a Tbird, we went to Florida to visit my wife's sister. I found another one on-line in Coconut Beach, FLA. I phoned the owner and said I'm interested and the next day went to see it and BOOM that was it. It wasn't the sky blue one but, this one was yellow with both tops, restored by his uncle who had passed recently. That night we discussed the negotiated price and the next morning phoned the owner and bought the car on March 27th 2017. I quickly arranged for the car to be transported back to Mesa where my son and future daughter-law were living in our winter house at the time to receive the car when it came. When we came back to Mesa from PA that winter, there it was in the garage and that's when it hit me. I actually fulfilled my dream of owning a vintage Thunderbird. Wow!

When I joined ACTC and CTCI, I sent away for the original invoice from Dearborn, MI. When it came back (VIN # D7FH150018) my car was manufactured on November 26 of 1956 making it a true (Early Bird) 1957 model. It was built with power brakes, power steering and power windows. Well now it's all back to standard features. Little did I know that the previous owner did not restore the car back to the way it came off the factory-line. Maybe he was unaware of what it was supposed to be. It never occurred to me to ask the owner how he obtained it, rookie mistake, I guess.

Anyway, the car now is my pride and joy. It's a driver and that's what I wanted (I have driven it nearly 6,000 miles since mid-2017). Going to car shows and events with my fellow members has been wonderful and I look forward to many more years of enjoyment driving this yellow (Inca Gold) bird with my family and friends. 





From the President's Desk

"Inside looking through the Porthole"

by: Douglas Shearer

Fellow ACTC T-Birders,

As I write this message I am feeling tired and exhausted. We literally just arrived home from the airport a little over six hours ago after a red eye flight back from Boston to Phoenix. Ellen and I spent the past three weeks traveling to Long Island New York to visit friends, then onto Pennsylvania to visit old neighbors, then up to Maine to spend some time with my sister. Can't beat New England in the fall with the colors in full bloom and temperature in the low 50's at night and low 80's during the day. Very welcoming coming from the heat we had this summer in the valley. Pleased to see the weather cooling off in Phoenix.

Since arriving early this morning I was not able to attend the meeting. I want to thank Bob for stepping in to chair the meeting. I heard from him earlier that the meeting went fine and all topics were discussed and noted. Thanks Bob again for stepping up.

A group of us attended the Tbird CTCI/VTCI Convention that we just had in Grapevine TX. I know Walt covered this at the meeting. This was my second convention and I had the experience of being a first time judge which was wonderful. I hope to continue judging at the next convention in Flagstaff, AZ. What a great time meeting new people and seeing all the great looking birds from many years that were there. I encourage all of you to come to Flagstaff next year and be a part of the excitement since, it's the 100th anniversary of Route 66. What a great place to have the next convention. We have Tech Day coming up this month on the 18th and from what I see so far, it should be great.

I want to thank everyone involved for planning this event and making sure that the topics that will be presented will answer a lot of questions from the participants. Looks like we will have a large crowd at Jim's house.

With that said I offer you this thought:

"There is only one way to be happy and that is to make somebody else so."

--- Sidney Smith



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.
- * **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



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.

Asking \$37,500.00. Interested parties can contact:
Jim Rodgers at Ph #: (602)-300-5792 or email: iAMJR1@cox.net



Tech Facts

CTCI Judging Rules (101/102) that can help you to Improve your T-Bird.

By: Walt Bonneau and Chuck Thompson

Many of our members have either already had their Tbird's officially judged at one of the annual conventions of the CTCI or plan to in the future. This may be especially true considering the next CTCI convention in joint with the VTCI will be in our own backdoor (Flagstaff, AZ) planned for September 05-09th, 2026 and part to the 100th Anniversary of Route 66 that runs right through Flagstaff). This article provides an abbreviated 101/2 tutorial on how the judging categories work and what the team of judges specifically look for in making their decisions.

First things first; You must decide in what category you want your T-Bird judged. If it is a daily driver you can still be judged in any category (just be sure your car is 100% detailed before being judged). If your car is 100% original and clean, go for the Gold Authentic. As most are not 100% original, go for Gold in the Non-Original category. If you just like to drive your car plenty and it needs a few items try being judged in the Touring Class.

Note: *As much as most of us want to think our T-Birds are medal winners or at least in pretty good condition to contend, you may be surprised by what a team of 3-5 knowledgeable judges may find wrong with your beloved T-Bird. It is important when being fairly judged (yes, they do on occasion make mistakes), just how much you may learn about your car in ways to improve it in the future.*

The Judging Categories:

Touring: Hood-Up or not

Concourse-I Original or Non-Original with undercarriage evaluated or not.

Concours-II Original or Non-Original

Display Only (No judging)

In all judging categories it's much about "Workmanship" (Concours-I Non-Original it is an absolute). Here is a list of what the judges are looking for:

- ⇒ Body fit & finish (paint, seam fit, damage, rust, panel alignment, etc.)
- ⇒ Under carriage being clean and all components correctly in place, as well as oil leaks.
- ⇒ All specialties (All instrumentation, lighting and comfort features in working order).

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Historical Facts

Ford's leveraging of the Thunderbird as a Vehicle of Beauty & Value.

By: Walt Bonneau

Ford Motor Company selected more than any other car model they sold, to promote various Ford products leveraged the early T-Birds, as well as some Thunderbird models to follow. Below is a prime example of a 1957 T-Bird as the focal promotional tag line in 1988/9: "beauty is more than skin deep" and the 1990, 1958 T-Bird "it could be 1958 forever". The advertisement for the Ford Pinto in 1970/71 comparing the re-sell value of a 1955 T-Bird that gained 2X its original price by 1970, was a bit optimistic for a Pinto comparison.

It is clear that Ford fully recognized the value of the Thunderbird and its creatable time tested value in Ford's success many years later.

As mentioned in the September-2025 ACTC newsletter, Ford has re-registered the Thunderbird name in late 2023. A good indication of a future.

It is clear that Ford is not putting the Thunderbird to rest. Rumors continue to surface about Ford producing the next generation Thunderbird, likely be sooner than later,

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for a new Ford Thunderbird to return to the show room. However, in this author's opinion and others, Ford is likely struggling with three very important issues/decisions:

- 1.) *Is the existing SUV centric market ready to accept once again vehicles categorized as Coupes and or Sedans ?*
- 2.) *Should a new model Thunderbird be a Hybrid, EV and or ICE based power plant?*
- 3.) *Should a new Thunderbird be a two-seater or four-seater or...?*
- 4.) *Show the new design carry forward the design features of early Thunderbirds or provide a new design approach?*

Ford was cautious to a degree; When Ford released the 2002-2005 Retro Thunderbird. The designers, marketers and upper management did much correct in re-releasing the iconic and legendary original "Baby Birds" features/look. However, Ford also made a few unfortunate bad calls with this Retro Bird that cost longer term sales. Everyone has their own opinions as to what worked well and what did not. So I have listed Just a couple of rights and not so right decisions that have been noted from various articles and vehicle critics:

Positive/Accepted Retro Bird Decisions:

- ⇒ *They did a reasonable job of capturing the original T-Bird with a flair of an updated look,*
- ⇒ *They gave the car a V8 Engine however, it did lack the expected performance numbers,*
- ⇒ *They provided for a removable hardtop with port hole windows and a soft-top.*
- ⇒ *They did provide an acceptable connivence package bordering on luxury.*

Not so much- Accepted Decisions:

- ⇒ *The large Chrome plated plastic front grill troubled some, this is where a polished aluminum or Stainless grill would have been much better received, giving the car a richer appearance,*
- ⇒ *The driver and passenger space/comfort was not up to par and overall space not much better (if at all), than the 55-57' models,*
- ⇒ *The handling performance was only OK, not great for a 2000-2010' decade car.*

Remembering that the 2002-2005 Retro Bird did sell 68,095 units in those nearly four years (55-57's sold 53,166 units in total), not bad for this new market segment. Whereby, the Mazda Miata in the same Retro T-Bird four years sold just over 23,000 units, now that's interesting... However, the Corvette in the same four years sold 142,672 units. Or twice the Retro T-Bird sales. Therefore, the Retro T-Bird did not meet Ford's sales expectations. Worst, was that the sales were dipping with each year offered, not a good trend.

The point here, Ford has plenty on its table to take into consideration how best to leverage the Thunderbird name and future vehicle to successfully better its future image and sales. It is not an easy task to re-productize such an American iconic automobile, especially in a fast changing automobile environment. We can bet that Ford will better scrutinize the next Thunderbird design and marketing approach when it plans a released.

The final word, even though resale prices for the Retro T-Bird have been lower than expected. There are a few shining stars to mention, E.g the 2003 — 007 James Bond models are now bringing \$29K to \$35K. In addition, the number of Retro T-Bird resales are rising and the CTCI and VTCI are also seeing a rise in member ownership numbers.



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(Tech Facts)

- ⇒ Interior fit & finish
- ⇒ In Trunk and under Hood fit & finish
- ⇒ The engine compartment (clean, undamaged and hosting correct components do really matter)
- ⇒ Chrome appointments (pitting, wore and peeling chrome are unacceptable)
- ⇒ Back and front windshields and seals/ gaskets
- ⇒ Lastly, that the cars Data-plate/VIN match the vehicles ownership registration.

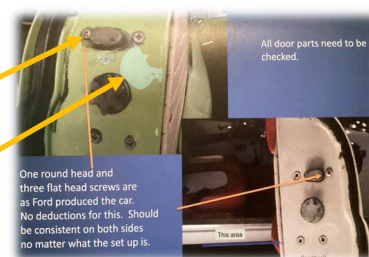
The above, plus optional under-carriage judging is **Concours-I Non-Original**.

For **Concours-I Original** judging, "Authentication" is added and counts even more so than workmanship, any added feature(s) inclusive of:

- ⇒ Commonly found: Air-conditioning, Disc-brakes, Upgraded Radio and modified Valve covers, as well as,
- ⇒ Rearview mirror hanging dice,
- ⇒ Too many window stickers, 1-3 is preferred,
- ⇒ No Bumper stickers,
- ⇒ Cup holder and non-factory center consoles,
- ⇒ Inconsistent features left to right sides
- ⇒ Any added feature (s) (dealership or other), is not permitted, inclusive of wheel size change and or covers & non-factory optioned rims.
- ⇒ Hardtop to body deck protectors, even if of the plastic or wrapped transparent type.

Non-conforming screws

**Poor Workmanship
(Paint difference)**



In the **Concours-I & II Original**, it's mostly about "Authenticity", judges want to see our Tbird's as it came from the Ford Factory. In example: The wrong brake peddle cover could cost you a point.

Lastly, as in the picture below-right (2025 CTCI Judging) shows: When a judge or judging team arrives to evaluate your car. You must be present. You will be asked to open doors, hood, trunk and be instructed to turn on and off each electrical or vacuum feature, as well as start your car.

The judges are instructed not to touch your car. If your car will not start, you might be dis-qualified from judging. Keep in mind your car must be driven onto the judging grounds and therefore, can not be towed.



Disclosure: This information is only a small subset of the actual CTCI Judging criteria/process.



Classic Thunderbird Movie/TV/Music Series Trivia

- 1) Which of the original Beach Boys owned a 1955 Red Tbird?
- 2) What Beach Boy hit song was written about this T-Bird and when was it released?
- 3) Why was this T-Bird so important to the Beach Boys promotional success?
- 4) In 1962 all of the Beach Boys signed the hood of this now restored T-Bird to signify their signing of a major recording contract with Capitol Records and today the car is located where?



October 2025 ACTC Member Meeting Minutes

Location American Legion Post 107 N. Cave Creek, AZ

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 American Legion

- MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:11 AM by Bob Michele (filling in for President Doug Shearer)
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by ?
- Standing Ovation for long-time member, Effie Duquette (recovering from serious abdominal surgery)
- HOSPITALITY: Yvonne Wagner – sang Happy Birthday to October Club members. Hannah Faulkenberry announced her engagement – wedding plans TBA.
- SECRETARY: no report
- HISTORIAN: no report
- WEB MASTER: no report
- TREASURY REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT: given by Kathy Michele filling in for Chuck and Judy Thompson: Treasury is well in the “Black”...
- Membership numbers: the same as September report., 69 Households and 117 members, +50 Tbirds

Comments were made about the success of the CTCL convention in Dallas, Texas last month. The ACTC newsletter received the CTCL 's highest award, the Gold Medallion Award for our monthly publication, thanks to Walt Bonneau and contributors.

CTCL /VTCL Convention along with 100th Anniversary of Route 66 Celebrations, will be held in Flagstaff, AZ in 2026 September 5-9th and detail of events to be announced.

- Meeting's BREAKFAST SERVED...
- MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Bob Michele announced all 2026 ACTC meetings will be held at American Legion Cave Creek. The December 6, 2025 Christmas Party will be here as well, beginning with 4:00 PM Cocktails, followed by a Italian Buffet Dinner, at 5:00PM, music and dancing to follow.
- Walter Bonneau: Tech Day at Jim Rodger's Garage on October 18th has 1-2 spaces left for attendance. He mention a few of the topics to be presented and demonstrations.
- He also made a member request for Retro-Tbird VIN registration to Feature these cars in 2026 Newsletters
- OLD BUSINESS: None
- NEW BUSINESS: None
- SPLIT THE POT Winner: \$46.....to Rosemarie Buzby

MEETING ADJOURNED... Respectfully Submitted: Myrna Foster, Secretary

Notice: Calling All ACTC Member Retro-Tbird Owners:

We are looking to feature on the Cover of the ACTC Chatter Newsletter in 2026 issues a few of the Retro Tbirds. If you are interested, please send via email to Walt Bonneau before November 25, 2025 your VIN and a picture or two..





October

Name	Date
Cathy Burklund	10/03
Bret Williams	10/06
Denis Frank	10/10
Jo Cannold	10/10
Mary Lee Winer	10/11
Aaron Smith	10/15
Yvonne Wagner	10/15
Linda Thurston	10/18
Gary Thompson	10/23
Doni Bodell	10/28

October Birth Stone (Opal)

Nearly 95% of all Opals come from Australia. In the USA, Nevada also has a few such opal mines.

Their unique colors, some quite translucent, occurs when in sedimentary rocks and with silica-rich water that seeps into underground voids.

Quality Opals are in the class of precious stones and considered to be of high-value.



October

Name	Date
Kerry and Jody Pokorski	10/04
Kate and John Marchisotto	10/06
Bob and Kathy Michele	10/12
Dale and Marilyn Lillard	10/15
Jim and Sherri Rodgers	10/28
Stuart and Jo Cannold	10/30

Interesting October Facts:

This is the month of Fall Festivals. A time to harvest, remembering our past love ones and enjoying all the good things that life has to offer. A few American past times during this month is picking and eating crisp Apples and making pumpkin and apple pies. In Canada the first frost occurs in October, telling wine makers to harvest ICE Wine grapes. We must also mention the celebrated Halloween and All Souls Day events. Much of America over the last 100 years has created Halloween to be a time of scary costumes, movies and trick or treat parties. Its true meaning was to give remembrance to the souls no longer with us on this earth. October is also the unofficial start of the Fall season as the weather changes to cool crisp nights and comfortable days. Leaves fall in beautiful colors and millions folk to the Northeast New England states to see natural event..

The October Flowers:



Future Events

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

Hemmings Magazine to Feature One of our Member's Classic Car

The November, 2025 Hemmings magazine will be featuring one of our own ACTC member's car from his collection of T-Birds, Lincolns and Continentals. This collection is owned by Jim Rodgers. The featured car will be his cherished 1934 Lincoln KB LeBaron Convertible Roadster. It is quite a beautiful piece of automotive history and art work to say the least. It is likely that the Hemmings November magazine will be released and made available by mid-October.

In addition, the November-2025 ACTC Chatter Newsletter will include an article featuring this 1934 Lincoln and the history behind this car and the Rodger's family.



Saturday October 18th — ACTC's 2025 Tech Day Event:

This **Event is for ALL ACTC members and guest who register in advance due to limited space**. The Agenda was structured to be of value to T-Bird owners, from the novice who just wants to learn more about how to operate and maintain your T-Bird, and for those who are experienced mechanical members (Happy to sharing insight with others and possibly learn a bit more). The agenda is as follows:

Location: Hosted by Jim Rodgers in a beautiful setting
5724 N. 129th Ave.
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

\$20.00 Spouse and \$23.00 Member Registration by October 04, 2026 and includes: Breakfast Donuts and Lunch

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November 27th, 2025 Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Veterans Parade

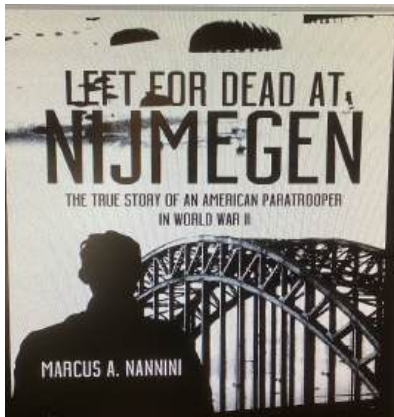
(Important!) Requesting a few move cars/drivers for the Veterans Parade.

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

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Route 66 100th Anniversary Fun Run May 1 & 2,2026

REGISTRATION FOR THE FUN RUN

You can attend the actual Fun Run from Seligman to Kingman, and Fun Run car show in Kingman, for free. 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.

(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 1, 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 April 1, 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: (1) 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.

(3) **EMAIL ME AT ThurstonFam1@yahoo.com.** SO, I CAN KEEP TRACK OF ALL PLANNING TO ATTEND.



See Page-12 for the Official 2025 Calendar Events >>>

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ACTC Year-2025 MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE (Tentative)

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Arrive 9:15– 9:30AM (Donuts a Coffee)

- ♦ *Technical/Operational/ Maintenance Video Session*
- ♦ *Deli Lunch served with a CTCL-2025 Update Presentation*
- ♦ *Two live Demonstrations*
- ♦ *Discussions*

Conclusion around 2:15PM

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)

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

Time: 4:30PM until 8:00pm Cost: TBD

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

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



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

9:00AM-2:00PM

Possible ACTC Plan to Attend Event

Registration starts early January, 2026

Estimated Cost: \$25.00

Located 100 miles from Central Phoenix.



Sat. or Sun. March/April Date — TBD but... A Picnic / Meeting is being considered.

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

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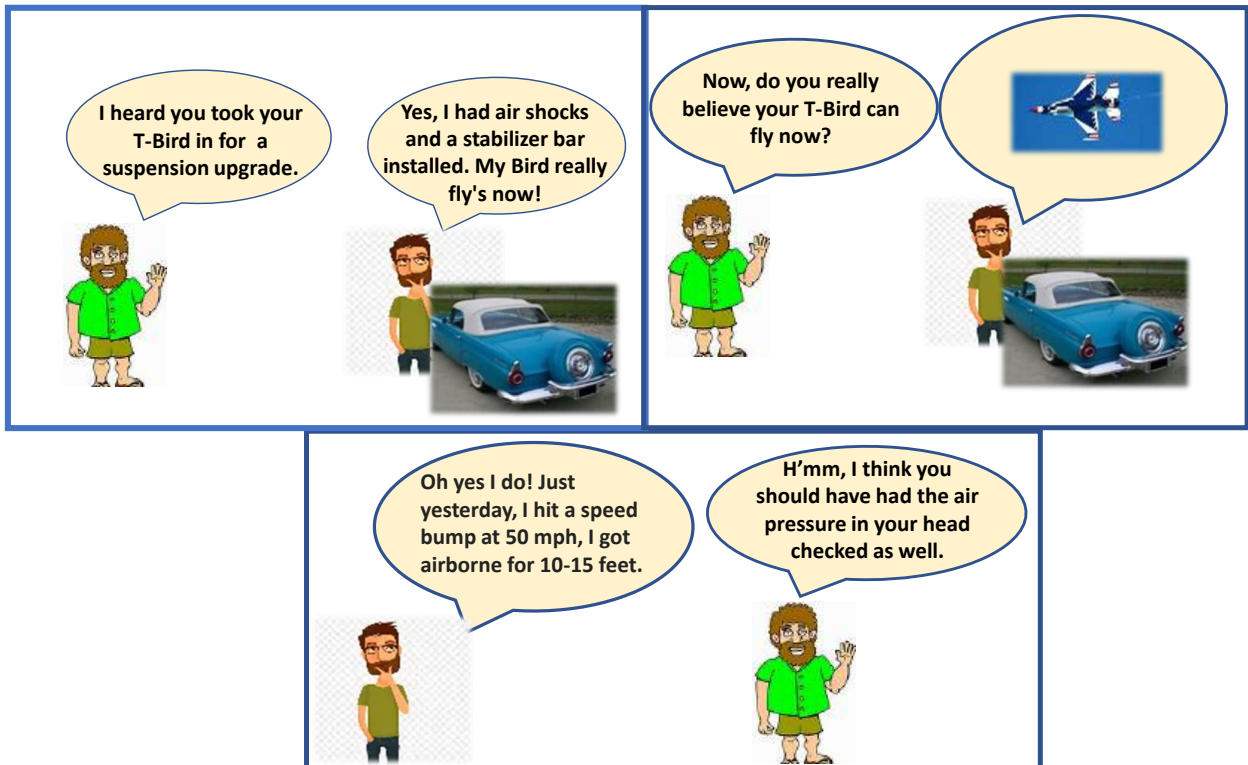
Other ACTC Information to Know

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 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 12 shirts still 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).



The Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club (ACTC)

Founded as Chapter #35 of the CTCL 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 CTCL'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.

ACTC 2025 Committee Members

Activities	Bob Michele	602-768-5710
Auditor	Tom Wagner	602-448-1891
Assistant Treasurer	Kathy Michele	602-799-8518
Bird Chatter Newsletter Editor (Yr-2)	Walt Bonneau	858-699-2883
Buck Hoag Award	Jim Rogers	602-300-5792
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Other News, Events & Misc.

Welcome New Member (s)

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All ACTC and CTCL 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 12th of each previous month to meet the publication deadline for the following month.



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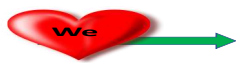


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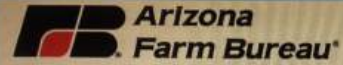
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