



ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

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December

This months Featured Tbird

As far as information about my car goes, I have had my 57 Thunderbird since September, 2021. It was my 60th birthday present to myself. I have loved the baby birds since I can remember and dreamed of one day owning one. I am retired now since September 2019, but I had a picture of a turquoise green 57' (my ideal color) in my office when I was a patrol lieutenant at the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. A dear friend, who was then a volunteer and our chaplain saw the picture when he would come in and he said I'd find one some day. Fast forward two years to August 2021 and the same chaplain calls me and says an acquaintance of his in Prescott has a beautiful 1957 Ford Thunderbird for sale. He sent me a couple of pictures and the man's phone number. I arranged to meet him and look at the car. It was a Dusk Rose, never heard the name of that paint, but I fell in love at first sight. The man I bought it from had it for about 11 years. He had a lift at his house and showed me the undercarriage and went over everything detail about the car. We went for a drive and I was smitten. Arranged to buy the car on my birthday that next month. As previously mentioned, I bought it on my birthday in September and brought her home. I believe I'm the sixth owner since it was new. I have only had to replace the mechanical fuel pump and tires since I've owned it. I did put a reduced size original appearance steering wheel from Casco on the car. It is fantastic. I've done several local car shows since I've had the car, but nothing of significance.



The car is a huge hit at most shows and I love her dearly. I drive her as often as I can, on nice days. My dream is to do all of Route 66 with the car, with the assistance of a pickup and trailer, taking it out and driving it in every state but not beating it up on terrible roads, hopefully soon. Thank you for the honor and privilege of being chosen as the featured Thunderbird for December, 2025 ACTC Newsletter.

David Williams
Clarkdale, Arizona





From the President's Desk

"Inside looking through the Porthole"

by: Douglas Shearer

Fellow ACTC T-Birders,

I have just returned from a vacation in New York and I just wanted to mention that this year with the ACTC, it been one of excitement and progressive change. We all strive to provide our membership with exciting and informative events. Our recent Tech Day-2025 was truly a success on many fronts. I was so pleased to see that so many enjoyed how to learn about tech tips that provided information and demonstrations to better care for our Tbirds.

Our participation in parades and car shows and fair events brings out the best our club has to offer. We cannot go without saying that ACTC was well represented in the Annual CTCL Convention in Dallas, TX. This year those attending including myself, surely had plenty of fun things to do while experiencing so many nice people and 119 Thunderbirds.

Ellen and I hope to see you all at the ACTC's 2025 Christmas Party to be held on December 6th at the Foreign Legion Post 107. The Board and its Committee's have pulled together what will be a fun and enjoyable event with plenty of good food.

I wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year, as we are preparing for an even better ACTC 2026 year of events.

The best, Doug

"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world"
Albert Einstein



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 \$60,000 .

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 and Crystal Tbird 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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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 \$35,000.00. Interested parties can contact:
Jim Rodgers at Ph #: (602)-300-5792 or email: iAMJR1@cox.net





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(Historical Facts)

In 1955 Ford manufactured a total of 1,451,157 cars of which, 16,155 were Tbirds, or 1.2% of Ford's total car sales and the Fairlane selling 626,250 cars taking 56.5%. Ford clearly understood their mainstream business. There were many more available buyers for sedans and wagons, due to the new baby boomer generation having young families to tote around, than the need for an individual small-coupe addressing a personal sporty luxury two-seater. The Thunderbird was about adding excitement to the Ford car line-up. That said; Ford was very surprised early-on in 1954 when they received within the first month or pre-sales, 3,500 pre-ordered new 1955 Tbirds. Ford had set a sales goal of 10,000 Tbirds to be sold in 1955 and so tooled up for this volume. By September of 1954 they realized that this little Tbird was not just an inspiration and excitement for its other models but, a success unto its own right. Sales exceeded expectations by 39% and by far surpassed any other two-seater available in the USA including the Corvette. The Tbird gave Ford a new light on racing and sporty cars in general.

We really do not know for sure just how many more Ford sedans, wagons and coupes were sold because of the Tbird's influence. It is clear it was significant if you ask the marketing department. Ford needed this boost in car sales excitement especially in light of Chevrolet's introduction in 1955 of the all new Belair being offered with a new V8 engine and a clean attractive design, giving serious competition toward Ford.

A few facts to back this up:

Ford in 1954 sold a total of 1,165,942 cars (not counting trucks), not a bad sales year overall but, competition was hitting Ford hard with new models during the 1953-1957 period. However, in 1955 Ford sold 1,655,068 cars, a 41% increase in car sales. Chevrolet sold a total of 1,700,000 cars in 1955. The Chevy Belair was the significant boost for GM-Chevrolet selling 770,000 units. The Belair outsold the Fairlane model by 143,750 units. By the end of 1956, GM controlled 45% plus of the new car market, while Ford was at 31%.

Once again Ford made significant improvements to the Tbird in the 1957 model while adding a few new Fairlane models. Results; It was not until 1957 did Ford car sales overtake GM's top brand (since 1935), selling 1,522,406 car units to Chevrolet's 1,515,177 units, a difference of only 7,229 cars. The Thunderbird in '57 captured for Ford the top car sales position-percentage increase at 36%, for any new model measured against the previous year of sales. Tbird volume had increased by 5,749 units. The Fairlane-500 and new Fairlane based Rancho added improved sales to also help give Ford the sales lead.

(Note: In 1957 total US Market car sales had dropped a surprising 10% as the economy started to cool down. Remember, 1958 a small recession hit the US economy but again, Thunderbird for 1958 sales soared to 37,892 units. Ford still managed to lose its lead over GM as the newly introduced Edsel line-up failed miserably and also hurt its mainstream Fairlane 500.)



It truly seemed as if those little Tbird's became the car where the tail wagged the dog!



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(Tech Facts)

It was determined that a car's engine intake values using Non-Top-Tier fuels in both older and newer cars can dirty the valves by 19 times because, it contains fewer detergents, which allows oily residues, gum, and varnish to build up on engine components, leading to performance issues over time. Top-Tier gasoline has a higher concentration of detergents that keep the intake valves, injectors, and combustion chamber cleaner, reducing the buildup that can cause rough idle, poor performance and poor fuel economy, and other problems.

When varnish and gum accumulation: The less-detergent-rich fuels allow more gum and varnish from the fuel to build up on the back of the intake valves. In addition, recirculated blow-by: Oil vapors and sludge from the engine's crankcase are recirculated back into the combustion chamber and can bake onto the intake valves, especially with direct-injection engines, exacerbating the problem.

AAA tested a few different gasoline suppliers of Top-Tier and found Chevron with Techron[™] yielded very good results. However, some of the other brands also exhibited good results. Some noted were: ARCO, Shell, Texaco, Sunoco and yes, Costco fuels. Yes, you can buy slightly cheaper fuel that is not Top-Tier rated and add products like Techron. In a bottle (which works). However, what you will conclude after doing a little math, it is just as cost effective if not more so, to purchase a trusted Top-Tier fuel to begin with. The additives (average cost \$7.99), this does not save you money when filling up with 15 gallons of gas... In addition, companies such as Chevron have carefully blended just the right amount of detergents to run effectively for both older and newer cars.

Your Intake Valves and how Top-Tier Fuel helps your Engine

- ◆ It cleans fuel injectors (*If you added these to your Tbird*): Top-Tier gas contains higher levels of detergents that help prevent deposits and cleans existing deposits on the fuel injectors.)
- ◆ Reduces carbon buildup: It helps keep Intake-valves, piston crowns, and combustion chambers cleaner compared to regular gas.
- ◆ Improves performance: A clean engine performs better, can lead to better fuel economy, and can reduce emissions while increasing the engines life cycle..

Note: Change your oil regularly: Use a high-quality oil to also help minimize carbon buildup and PVC system failures.

Directly speaking: Top-Tier Fuel doesn't help the engine's PVC System per say

- ◆ The PCV system is responsible for recirculating crankcase vapors back into the intake to be burned, which can contain oil and other byproducts.
- ◆ Top-Tier gas additives are primarily designed to clean the fuel system and combustion chamber, not the oil and other vapors that are processed by the PCV system.
- ◆ The PCV system is a separate system from the fuel delivery system.

The Right Fuel for your Tbird

In conclusion, be sure to select Top-Tier fuel and octane rating for your specific T-Bird. In example; a 1955 with a 292 CID may perform just fine on 87 or 89 Octane. Not the case, for the higher compression 1957 312 CID that requires 91/92 Octane fuel. You might be able to run 89 octane if, you are not too demanding of your engine's power.



Classic Thunderbird Movie/TV Series Trivia

- 1) What was the title of the 2015 Christmas year film featuring (*the central element of the movie*), a 1956 Fiesta Red T-Bird (in the movie; belonging to a famous actress and singer)?
- 2) Who was this famous actor/singer?
- 3) What state license plate adorned this beloved 56" Tbird throughout the film?

Answers on Page-14





December

Name	Date
Bob Michele	12/01
Jim Cook	12/03
Patrick Lewis	12/05
Duane Foster	12/06
Jim Delton	12/06
Lynne Bonneau	12/06
Maria Prokopowicz	12/08
Tom Wagner	12/16
Jorge Sommerer	12/17
Carol Myers	12/19
Debi Ulsund	12/19
Sheri Dohm	12/19
Jen Taylor	12/20
Don Rebtoy	12/23
Stephen Kemery	12/27
Marilyn Lillard	12/28
Tom Strabala	12/29

December’s Birth Stone: (Blue/Aquamarine Topaz)



Blue Topaz is the official December birthstone, celebrated for its tranquil energy and luminous blue hue that mirrors the winter sky. This gem has long been cherished for its symbolism of clarity, truth, and everlasting love, making it one of the most meaningful stones in modern jewelry.



Name	Date
Gary and Jamie Thompson	12/10
Tracey and Terry Mosness	12/16
Russ and Margie Hanson	12/28
Dave and Sylvia Mock	12/24

Interesting December Facts:

In Roman times, the calendar only had ten months and began with March! “December” comes from the Latin word “decem”, meaning “ten, last month of the year.” The month of December originally consisted of 30 days. After January and February were added to the calendar (around 700 BCE), December was shortened to 29 days. Then, two days were added back (153 B.C.), to December in the subsequent Julian calendar, making it 31 days long. It is now one of the most important and celebrated months of the year, as it celebrates Christmas, Hanukkah and the Winter Soltis events,

Other December Facts of Interest:

We all know that Christmas the 25th is the birthday given to Christ in the early calendar and is celebrated by over 40 -45% of the world today.

December 6 is Saint Nicholas Day. The patron saint of children is the model for Santa Claus and gift-giving, it is also the start of the Christian Advent season.

Hanukkah the Jewish event; “festival of lights,” eight days.

The flowers of December: The Poinsettia (left) and Holly (right) Flowers



What a History/Relationship of Virginia's 1955 Torch Red Tbird after 70 years?

The photos below are a wonderful indication of the long relationship that ACTC member Virginia Snyder (Shultz) had with the 1955 Tbird her father purchased for her and her sister as a high school graduation gift. Having a price tag of \$4,049 meant this was no stripped Tbird from the get go. I am sure many of us in the ACTC could only image how significant it would have been for your father to buy you a well equipped new Tbird in April of 1955, or any year for that matter. Most Tbirds in 1955-57 were purchased by celebrities, married couples or just plain well to do buyers, a high priced car.

I once asked Virginia if her Daddy every took her Tbird away (1964 Beach Boys song "Fun, Fun, Fun". She really made me laugh when she said; "No, but he should have!" She added, the boys would follow her and her best friend around and always wanted to race her Tbird, and Oh... and I never lost."

The Tbird was driven 30,000 miles before it got stored until 1979 after Virginia married Gene Snyder and moved to Tempe, Arizona. in 1959. He passed away in the 1980's. The car was left back in Iowa in storage for 20 years. In 1979 she was rejoined with her old friend (55" Tbird) and drove the car to Arizona to be enjoyed once again. Virginia has been a member of ACTC since before 1980.

The article to the right, published in 1983 in the Tempe Gazette and re-published in the 1996 ACTC Chatter Newsletter provides for a wonderful 70 year relationship/history with this little Tbird.

The 55'now resides in Indiana with ACTC members Gary and Jamie Thompson who purchased Virginia's 55" in 2004 and moved it to Indiana in 2006. It is currently finishing a significant restoration and should be ready soon to drive. Jamie mentioned that the 55' still has its original factory Torch Red paint and has no plans to repaint it or sell it. ★

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"RIP VAN T-BIRD"

Time has touched everything except the car of her youth

By Woody Wilson, Gazette Reporter
[The following is from a 1983 Tempe Gazette article.]

It sat alone, covered with a shroud, in a deserted building for 20 years. The seasons passed and the sounds of children playing outside in the summer time were not enough to wake it from its slumber. The only release from its state of suspended animation was the turn of its master's key. So it was for Tempe resident Virginia Snyder's 1955 Thunderbird.

The story of the car is not known to many outside of the Snyder family. Only now, after the classic flame-red sports car has been removed from its tomb in a deserted garage outside Gnswoild, Iowa, is the tale coming to light. It goes something like this.

In the fall of 1954, John Shultz ordered a 1955 Ford Thunderbird for his two daughters, Virginia and Shirley. The sticker price was \$4,049.21. Virginia was graduating from high school the next year, and the car was a graduation gift that both girls would be able to drive. But Virginia was the sister who drove the car the most.

"My friend Sharon and I used to cruise Main Street in the evenings," Snyder says. "It was great. The boys would honk and then follow us for miles, sometimes all the way home. That little car was part of me."

Her father agrees. "Virginia was the goer," Shultz said in a telephone interview from his home.

Virginia graduated in 1956 and married Gene Snyder. The couple moved to Arizona, leaving the car behind. Her dad did to his like-new Thunderbird what he had done to his other 25 antique cars during the years. He drove it into an old garage and jacked it up on blocks. He put in new oil, covered it with plastic and let it set until 1979, when it was taken out of storage in time for Gnswoild's centennial parade.

When the car was put in storage, it had a little more than 30,000 miles on the speedometer. According to the meticulous records that Shultz keeps on all his old cars, the T-bird's oil was changed 27 times before it went into mothballs and every year after while it sat on blocks.

He replaced some minor parts while the car was inactive, including a rusted tailpipe corroded by condensation that settled there from periodic start-ups of the engine. Shultz says the car received the same care it would have gotten if it had been setting in a museum.

Virginia Snyder went back to Gnswoild in 1979 and took possession of the car. "It was like meeting an old friend after all those years," she says. She drove the 27-year-old car in the centennial parade, then brought it to Arizona.

"There are some very fond memories attached to that car," she says. "It's rather mystical. I look out onto the driveway and see that the car of my youth hasn't aged a bit."



Virginia in the 55' "FIDDE 5" with her long-time partner and ACTC member Ken Falkenberry



Virginia so... 50's in style and ready for a drag race



Gary Thompson's working on the restoration of the 55's engine & Transmission rebuild, as he prepares the engine compartment.



Virginia taking best friend Jamie Thompson for a ride in Indiana



November 09, 2025 ACTC Meeting Minutes

Location: American Legion Post #107 at 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd., AZ 85024

- ♦ MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:00 AM by President Doug Shearer
- ♦ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by ACTC Veterans
- ♦ HOSPITALITY: Yvonne Wagner – sang Happy Birthday with November & December Club members.

- ♦ SECRETARY: no report
- ♦ HISTORIAN: no report
- ♦ WEB MASTER: (Previous to meeting; looking into Facebook membership “Join” icon for the ACTC)
- ♦ Ways & Means/Newsletter: No report due to vacation

TREASURY REPORT AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Chuck Thompson funds for the Club are good, in the black.

Membership numbers: Judy Thompson... in addition to numbers the same as October report, the **Club added two new members.**

Comments made by several members complimenting the hosts and events presented at **Tech Day –2025** held in the garages of member Jim Rodgers. It was a club successful event.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Bob Michele announced all 2026 ACTC meetings will be held at American Legion Post 107, with the exception of the Officer’s Picnic, TBA. December 06, 2025 Christmas Party will be at Post 107, beginning at 4:00 PM Cocktails, Buffet at 5PM, music and dancing following. CHRISTMAS PARTY reservations \$50.00 per member, are being accepted by Bob Michele until November 30th, 2025

BREAKFAST was SERVED..... Food was reported as being very good.

OLD BUSINESS: Greg Thurston announced that there were sufficient volunteering of ACTC Tbirds for the **Thanksgiving Parade in Fountain Hills** on the morning of November 27, 2025. Noted: a great response by the ACTC membership.

NEW BUSINESS: Information presented for Tri-Unit Auto Show, Peoria, AZ,, February 28, 2026 and Clarksdale Auto Show, March 14, 2026. More information to follow in the December 2025 Newsletter.

SPLIT THE POT: \$60.00.....to Jose Rameriz

MEETING was officially ADJOURNED – 10:25 AM

Respectfully Submitted: Myrna Foster, Secretary

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS by the President Doug Shearer:

- ⇒ There is an immediate need for a ACTC member to step-up as a candidate to become the Chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2027 Officers.
- ⇒ Requesting a volunteer to take over the Public Relations Committee position presently held by Don Henderson.
- ⇒ A member volunteer to assist Bob Michele in planning and scheduling Club events.



Recent Events

November 04 (Tuesday), 2025 ACTC Board Meeting

Location: Spinato's Restaurant , N 7th St. Phoenix, AZ

Board Luncheon at 12:00-1:00pm

Official Meeting Started at 1:05PM

In attendance: Doug Shearer (President), Bob Michele, Chuck Thompson, Walt Bonneau (via Conference Call) and Jim Rodgers.

Missing: Secretary

⇒ **Christmas Party Details discussed**

- ◆ 5 gift baskets to be provided
- ◆ Fee to attend
- ◆ Time duration and decorations

⇒ The President's request to have a call for volunteers to fill the positions of:

- ◆ New Committee Chair(2026) of the Nominating Committee for 2027 Officers installed.
- ◆ A volunteer to takeover the Committee position of Public Relations.
- ◆ A volunteer to assist Bob Michele in event and scheduling, as well as communications.

⇒ Club budget was reported as being in the "black" with a small \$\$ growth.

⇒ Thunderbird Appreciation Day-2026 on May 17, 2026 was discussed to agree to jointly plan and attend with the VTCI.

⇒ Short discussion on the planning for the early April ACTC annual Picnics.

Meeting was officially adjourned at 2:30PM.

REMINDER FOR ALL ACTC/CTCI MEMBERS:

⇒ **Your ACTC 2026 Dues—Deadline is January 23rd, 2026** (See last months Chatter Newsletter for the Renew Application form or online at aztbirdclub@gmail.com). Contact Judy Thompson for more details.

Note: To ensure that your ACTC renewal and updated information make it into the ACTC 2026 Directory, it is best that you submit your dues payment by January 01, 2026.

⇒ **Your CTCI Membership Dues for 2026 are due by January 01, 2006**



Future Events

The Following events listed on this page are Moderately Near-term Club Events. Also See Page-12 for events.

February 28th, 2026: Tri Unit Car - Show

22034 N. 83rd Ave Peoria, AZ

Contact: Craig Weston @ (623)-512-6315

See Flyer for further Information



Downtown Glendale Arts & Culture Fest: Makers, Rhythms & Rides Saturday, January 31, 2026 Glendale Civic Center Plaza | 10 AM – 5 PM

Presented by Art State Arizona and Glendale Arts & Culture. Free Admission. Now in its fourth year, this high-energy event celebrates the intersection of classic cars, creative expression, and cultural heritage in downtown Glendale. From lowrider showcases to cirque performances, derby car races and mainstage music, this is more than a car show—it's a full-scale celebration of community design and identity. Cars are able to leave after 3 PM.

All Participants Must Pre-Register. Price is \$30.00/Vehicle
Registration Includes:

- Commemorative Dash Plaque
- (5) Raffle Tickets
- \$5 Discount on Festival T-Shirt
- Morning snacks & coffee
- Artist-designed awards in 20+ categories



PLEASE NOTE !

All dates and events listed above are tentative



ACTC Year-2025 MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE (Tentative)

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

Time: 4:00PM until 8:00pm

FUN, FUN is Planned! .

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

Sign-up by contacting Bob Michele by November 30th, Per Person Cost is \$50.00

- ♦ Dancing
- ♦ Dinner and Desserts
- ♦ Gift Baskets
- ♦ Christmas Theme Decorations
- ♦ Plenty of Fun, Fun to go around



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 NW from Central Phoenix.



Sat. or Sun. Early April Date —TBD but...

A Picnic /Meeting is the works... getting closer.

Planning for a location in the greater central Phoenix Area.



It's Official! CTCI and VTCI both agreed to hold the next Annual Conference as a Joint Event in September, 2026 in Flagstaff, AZ *(More information to be issued in Jan/Feb. 2026)*



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

PLEASE NOTE !

All dates and events listed above are tentative



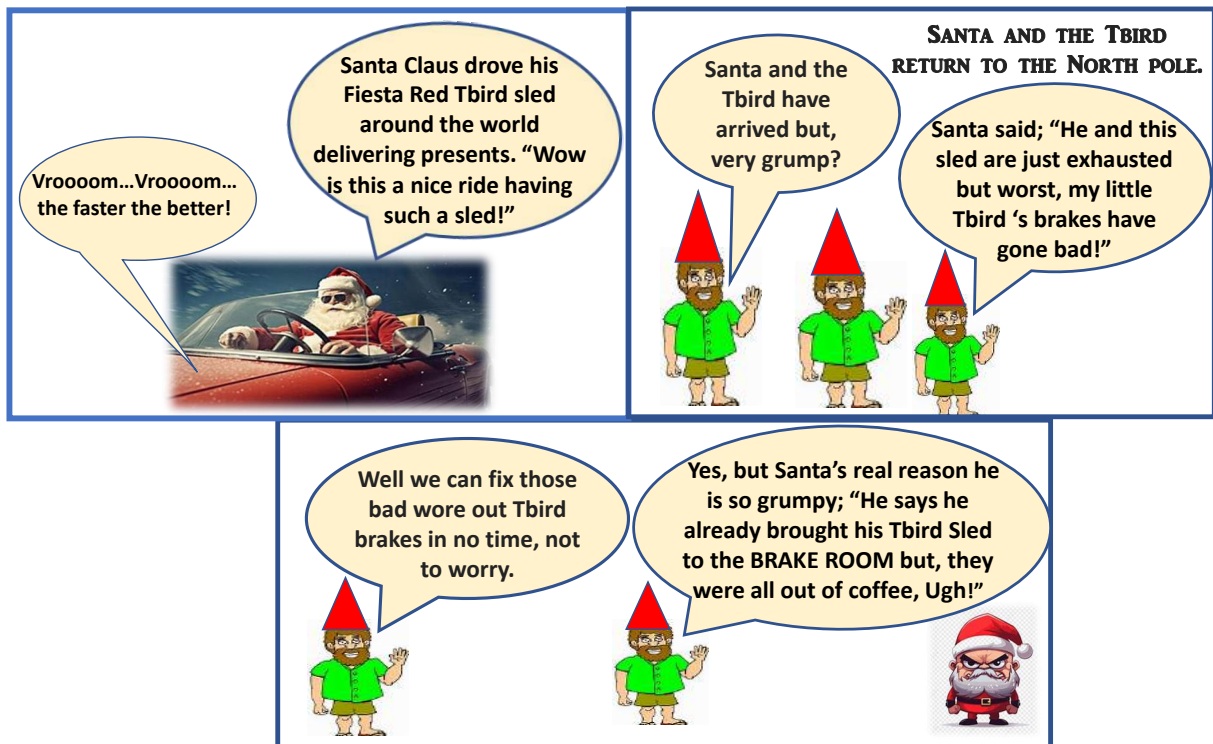
Other ACTC Information to Know

ACTC Apparel Still Available for Sale

Reserve a T-Shirt now... (Remaining ACTC T-shirts will only be offered until March 15th, 2026!)

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 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).



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	480-440-7508 (Updated)
Assistant Treasurer	Kathy Michele	602-799-8518
Bird Chatter Newsletter Editor	Walt Bonneau	858-699-2883
Buck Hoag Award	Jim Rogers	602-300-5792
CTCL Representative	Chuck Thompson	480-773-0222
Email Coordinator	Bob Michele	602-768-5710
Historian	Duane Foster	602-482-4010
Hospitality	Yvonne Wagner	480-440-8362 (Updated)
Inspector General	Steve Kovacic	928-775-2675
Membership	Judy Thompson	602-625-2052
Nominating Lead	Open Position	
Public Relations	Don Henderson	602-622-3365
Webmaster	Russ Hanson	623-229-0210

Elected 2025 Board/Officers

President	Doug Shearer	516-369-4660
Vice President	Bob Michele	602-768-5710
Secretary	Myrna Foster	602-677-4558
Treasurer	Chuck Thompson	480-773-0222
Ways and Means	Walt Bonneau	858-699-2883
Board Member at Large	Bob Michele	602-768-5710
Ex-Officio	Jim Rodgers	602-300-5792



Other News, Events & Misc.

Welcome New Member (s)

No new Member's to report.



Request for Newsletter Submissions:

Contact Walt Bonneau: waltbonneau@gmail.com

All ACTC and CTCI members **may submit a request** to **Club Suggestions** or **Misc.** (Thunderbird Related) contribution in the ACTC Newsletter.



have an **Event, Topic Request,** but ion (s) for publication consid-

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...



We would like to continue to acknowledge our eight ACTC Newsletter supporters/advertisers for the 2025 year. **Let's continue to show them our member support in return!** If you purchase a service or product from them be sure to let them know you are with the ACTC.

Movie/TV Series Trivia Answers:

1.) "Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love: 2.) Dolly Parton 3.) 55" Tennessee Plate

New Membership Request;

See Judy Thompson

New Advertisers Welcomed;

See Walt Bonneau / Chuck Thompson

Remember All meetings are



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