



The club was established in 1979 by Willard A. Lang as the Alamo Area Vintage Thunderbird Club (AAVTC), consisting of 20 charter members. We were, and still remain, a chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club, International (VTCI), formerly known as Vintage Thunderbird Club of America (VTCA).

The first STTC President was Harold Hill. Willard Lang, the Texas representative for the VTCA was also a member, so were VTCI past President and Secretary, Lou & Marilyn Paliani, who are still current members.

According to the September 1981 newsletter, club leadership changed to Steve Hall, President; Bart Harris, Vice-President; Enos Gary, Secretary/Editor; and Curt Burleigh, Treasurer. In the January 1982 newsletter, Steve Hall remained as President; John Fielder became Vice-President; Don Wunderlich as Secretary and Curt Burleigh remained in his position as treasurer. In September 1983, Curt Burleigh was listed as President; Willard Lang as Vice-President; Trish Fielder as Secretary; and Frank Whitaker as Treasurer. In September 1984, Carol Brown replaced Trish Fielder as Secretary while the other officers remained in place. According to the San Antonio Express News dated January 21, 1984, our club was led by Curtis Burleigh. In 1985, the AAVTC September newsletter lists Dan Lanier as President, Dick Gabel as Vice-President, Mary Beth Whitaker as Secretary, and Mike Mantooth as Treasurer. The leadership remained in place through December 1988.

In 1986, the AAVTC honored its founder, Willard Lang, by renaming the club as Lang's Alamo Area Vintage Thunderbird Club, and in subsequent years, observed Founder's Day each September. It is noted in the records that the club held a September 25, 1988 Founder's Day event at Brooks AFB to honor Willard Lang, who by then had passed away.

The newsletter of January 1989, reflects the leadership of the LAAVTC passed to Dick Gabel; Mike Tally became Vice-President; Barbara Talley, Secretary; and Beverly Freeland, Treasurer.

The San Antonio Express News dated August 27, 1994, reflects the club's name as the Alamo Vintage Thunderbird Club, with Marilyn Paliani as the designated contact point.

The April 3, 1994 edition of TV Now features a picture of Spurs player Vinny Del Negro with a number of children, and the Spurs Coyote at the wheel of a red Squarebird convertible highlighting a Library Telefest event. There is also a picture of Richard Hailey, President of the Pig Stands Company, being served while sitting in his red Bulletbird with tonneau cover. The Pig Stand in San Antonio today remains a gathering place for classic car lovers.

The San Antonio Express News dated August 11, 1996 features an article reporting that the South Texas Thunderbird Club was hosting the VTCI 1996 Annual International Convention in San Antonio. The article features a picture of the Paliani's 1960 red convertible, and lists Marilyn as the President of the STTC.

Sometime between 1994 and 1996, the club voted on a name change to the South Texas Thunderbird Club.

The remainder of our club history is contained in our meeting minutes and other records accrued over time. The recently acquired historical records will be stored by the STTC Secretary.

To become a member, please visit our website and download an application form.

