



San Antonio, Texas

October 2024

THE GREAT STTC-SACTC CAF THUNDERBIRD FLYIN!



Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.

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Presidents Message for October 2024

Here we are with Fall having fell on us but Summer refuses to allow it as Summer temps continue into the mid to upper 90's. However, the next few weeks should bring the Fall temps we are used too. We celebrated the coming of Fall with a short cruise up the road to view the Warbirds of WW II at the San Marcos Commemorative Air Force facility at their airport. First, we made a stop at Buddy's Burger's close by the airport to enjoy their to-die-for 100% Angus Burgers. About a dozen members representing both TBird Clubs were able to attend this event on Wednesday, September 18th. That is the only day of the week that all their flyable Warbirds are back from other air shows and we took good advantage of it. We were hosted and guided on our tour by a couple of very dedicated and knowledgeable CAF Warbird experts. Those that were free to take the tour enjoyed the aircraft and their museum greatly. This newsletter contains a lot of pix of the various aircraft and the museum. When you view any photo in the newsletter, left clicking your mouse on each will bring up a larger version of the pic to enjoy.

With Fall upon us, we intend to get back on the road as weather allows us to do. We had planned on going to see the Glass Blowing event that we had scheduled earlier in the year, but that plan has been changed. I was informed by several who live in or travel in that area that their roads are greatly under construction and should be avoided presently. Hopefully, we can schedule that for next year. So instead, the Activities committee has suggested that both TBird Clubs attend the 9th Annual Garden Ridge Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 19th, 9am-4pm. This will be a Brown Bag event with each bringing their own food and drink. This will be our Monthly STTC event for October. I have emailed ya'll the full details regarding this event.

I am also pleased to inform you that our annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at 11:am AT the Power Plant Restaurant in Seguin! No longer are we tied to that first Saturday in December every year. This is the decision the Christmas Party committee came up with and for good reasons. Those Club members who have eaten there before tell me that the scenery, food and service are great. The reservation has been made (paid for by the Club) and confirmed. There will be plenty of parking and the Generator Room private dining room over the river and the falls is ours for 4 hours. Full details and pix regarding this was emailed to ya'll.

Best Regards, and see ya down the road!

Your Prez ~ Ray Clark





Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Paliani	10/03
Jeremy Brownlow	10/16
Gary Faught	10/17
Carolyn Faught	10/23
Judy Raimondo	10/27



ANNIVERSARY

Michael / Cynthia Howe	10/11
Danny / Kathy Varella	10/21
Gerry / Cheryl Busald	10/25

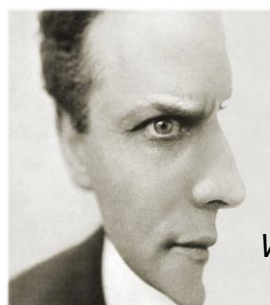


Model T Day is celebrated every year on October 1 to commemorate the day that changed how America traveled on its roads. Model T was an iconic automobile that changed America's streetscape. We absolutely love and respect Henry Ford for introducing the car to America and contributing to its progress.

October Zodiac Sign

There are (2) Zodiac Signs that encompass the month of June

LIBRA (Sep 23 - Oct 22)
SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 22)



**Harry Houdini
&
Halloween**

What is the connection?



October birthstone
Tourmaline & Opal



In The Rear View



September Event

Place your Cursor on each photo, & Left Click Mouse to enlarge the pix!



What the Commemorative Air Force display often looks like when all their Warbirds are there.



<-Buddy's>



<CAF Brief

Group 1>



<Group 2>





In The Rear View

September Event





In The Rear View

September Event






In The Rear View

September Event



HELP US RESTORE THE P-39
WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FINANCE
THIS RESTORATION!

DONATE HERE



SCAN ME

P-39Q-5-BE Airacobra, Army AF serial number 42-19597, was built by Bell Aircraft Corporation, in May 1943.

When the US entered WWII, the P-39 was one of our primary frontline fighters available for combat. It flew in all WWII theaters.

The Central Texas Wing acquired this airplane in 1974. Due to its age and extended use, the aircraft is undergoing a complete restoration, including rebuilding the Allison V-1710-93, V-12 engine. When finished, the aircraft will once again be airworthy.

Estimated cost for restoration exceeds
\$150,000 (plus)

One hundred % of your donation is tax deductible and will be applied to the P-39! You may use the donation box or the QR code to donate.

Thank you!



In The Rear View

September Event





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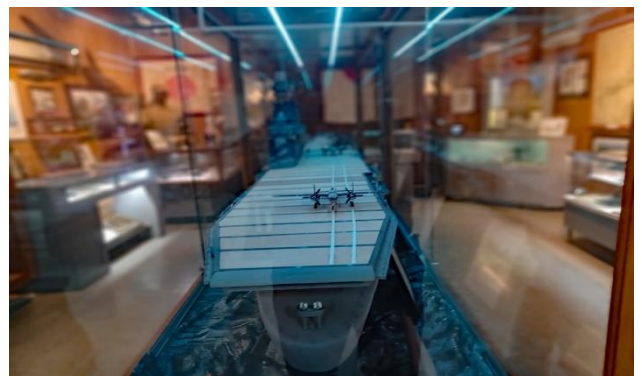
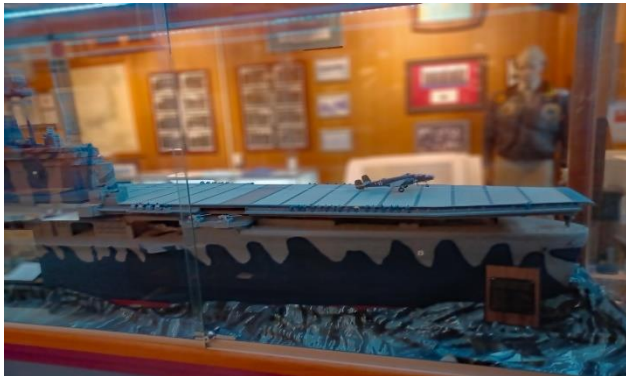
September Event





In The Rear View

September Event





**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**



ATTENTION!

STTC Schedule of Events

October 19, Saturday – 9th Annual Garden Ridge Car Show – 9AM-4pm, Rain or Shine, a judged event that has been suggested by the Activities Committee for our October STTC event. This can be a joint STTC/SACTC event. You can submit your Tbird for judging or not. This will be a Brown Bag, bring your own food and beverage event. Full details and flyer was emailed to ya'll.

November 23, Saturday-11:30am, our annual Christmas Party will be held at the Power Plant Restaurant in Seguin in their Private Dining Generator Room! This is the decision of the Activities Committee and I agree with it. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a terrific location for lunch and an early Christmas celebration. I am told by members who have eaten there that the food and service is fantastic. It is also an opportunity for us to travel a short distance east to join our Seguin area members who have been driving west to spend time with us for years. Reservations have been made for \$300 for 4 hours and will be paid by the Club. Meals for members will be about \$25ea, including your tip. Full details and pix were also emailed to ya'll.

Danny Varella is using his contacts to get us a spot on a local TV News station where they will collect toys for the Holidays for South Texas kiddos. This happens at some time in late Nov. or early Dec. The idea is to have us in Holiday clothes driving our Tbirds through a drop off location. The 'Elves' (from different businesses around San Antonio) will come to the cars and get the toys from us. This is still in the beginning stages - more info to follow as it becomes available. He will be the POC on this for clarity and facilitation. This is a great opportunity to show the community the STTC Club in action on TV!

SAVE THE DATE

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VINTAGE THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL (VTCI)**



Blast From The Past

Jack Williams recently provided me with photos he took at the past Randolph AFB USAF Thunderbird Show that members of both Tbird Club attended earlier this year. His Tbird was one of the three that were featured at the Friday Night Social event. We provided them a 1957, 1966, and 2005 Tbird. Here are those pix for you to enjoy. Left Click Mouse to Enlarge Pix.

1957 BabyBird-Gary Faught



2005 Retrobird-Stan Andrews



1966 Flairbird-Jack Williams



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San Antonio Texas Thunderbird Club (STTC) Inc. has been in existence for 45 years 1979-2024. STTC is a family-oriented organization with the goal of enjoying, having fun and preserving our Thunderbirds among friends and elevating the interest of these beautiful cars within our community. Our annual membership is \$20.00 and prorated throughout the year for new members. These dues entitle members to a club roster and the club's monthly newsletter. Most importantly membership provides the opportunity to contribute and participate in International Conventions. Dues are due on January 1st and no later than January 31st.

We welcome all Thunderbirds from 1955-2005



Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI)



South Texas Thunderbird Club Inc. (STTC) is a chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International. This organization is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all Ford Thunderbirds 1955 - 2005. If you are not a member of VTCI and would like to join, you can go to VTCI's website at:

<https://www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net/>

download an application form, include fee and mail it to

VTCI

P.O. Box 75308

Wichita, KS 67275

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South Texas Thunderbird Club (STTC), located in San Antonio, Texas, is a local chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCl)

- STTC dues are \$20.00 per year, prorated at \$2 per month
- VTCl dues are \$40.00. You can apply on their website: www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

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spouse's name: _____ birthday: _____
first / last month / day
anniversary date: _____ VTCl #: _____
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member's signature: _____ date: _____

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VTCI Membership Application Form

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