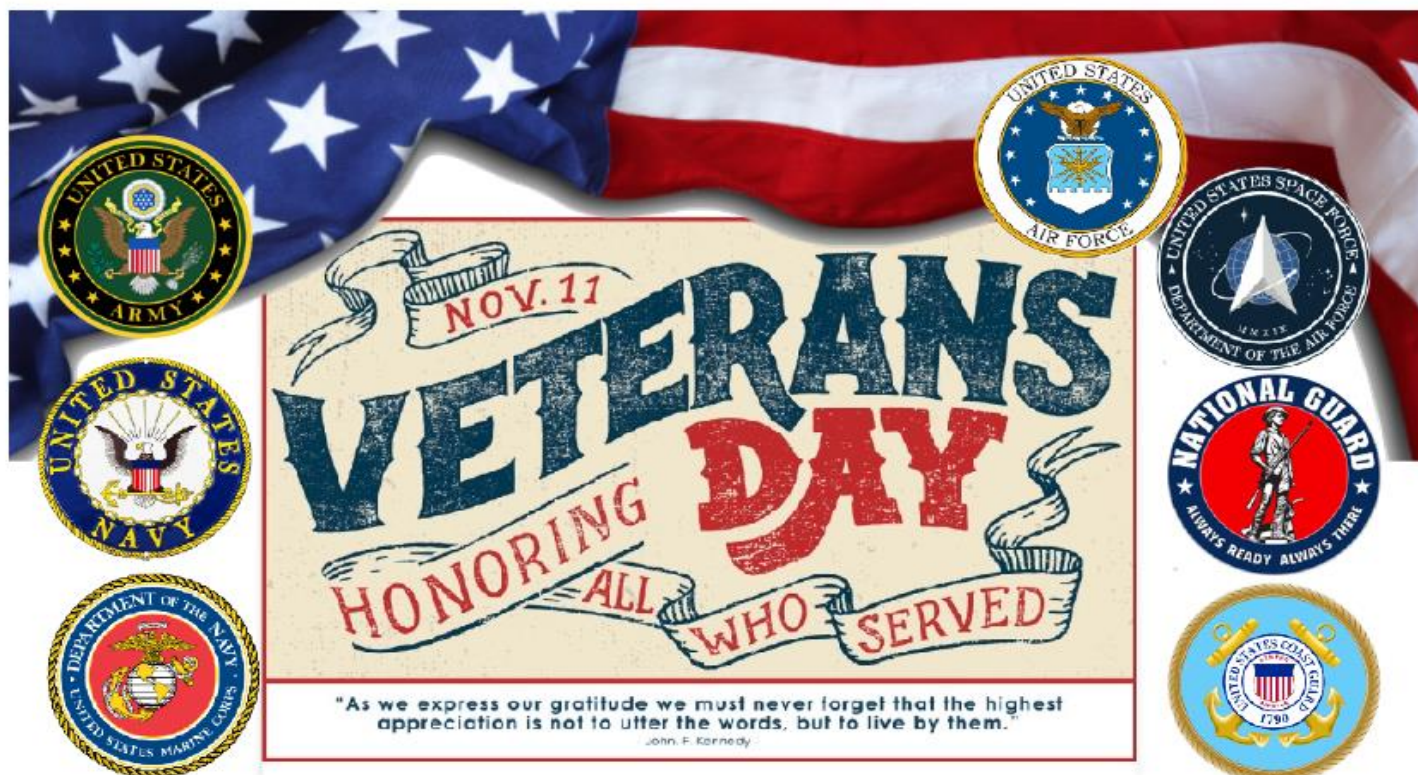




San Antonio, Texas



NOVEMBER 2024



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Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.



Presidents Message For November 2024

Having enjoyed an eventful and enjoyable Spring and Summer Club events and activities we find ourselves entering our Winter activities. Over the years, there has not been a lot of activities involving November and December due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. For many years we have curtailed the Club activities to little more than holding our Annual Christmas Party on the first Saturday of December. Something that has turned out to be more difficult to do these days because of other activities our membership finds themselves involved with. This often regards business, church, or other social events that have been impacting our Christmas Party.

As a result of this, it was determined by the membership that a committee review this, and after a membership vote to continue our Christmas Party as we have for some 45 years, a decision was made. We will no longer celebrate Christmas in December, but have decided to hold it the weekend prior to Thanksgiving as many other Tbird and other social organizations now do.

So, I will see 31 (2 have had to cancel as they will be out of town) of our Members this coming Saturday, at 11:30AM at the Power Plant Restaurant located in Seguin, by popular request! We have reserved the Generator Room for 4 hours. It is handicap accessible. Here is the GPS info. 2006 Stockdale Hwy, Seguin, TX 78155. We will NOT be cruising as a group this time. See previous emails for full details. Ray Clark, President, STTC



Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

LOVE



BIRTHDAYS

Roy Fey	11/10
Lou Paliani	11/10
Thom Reynolds	11/21

ANNIVERSARY

Lou / Marilyn	11/11
Brian / Marilyn	11/27

We Fell Back - When will it ever end?

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Happy
Thanksgiving



November Zodiac Sign

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

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 22)
SAGITARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)



NOVEMBER BIRTH FLOWER

Chrysanthemum



- LOYALTY
- JOY
- LONGEVITY

TOPAZ

CITRINE





NOVEMBER

Notable Events

November 10, 1775

Marine Corps Birthday. The United States Marine Corps was established on November 10, 1775, to augment naval forces in the Revolutionary War. The recruiting headquarters was set up by Capt. Samuel Nicholas in the Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia, which is considered to be the birthplace of the Marines. Yes, Born In A Tavern!



November 19, 1863

President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address at the consecration of the National Cemetery at the site of the Gettysburg battle. While Lincoln's speech was just two minutes long, it summed up everything important there is about democracy. Interestingly, Lincoln was in the middle of a minor bout of smallpox while he gave the speech.



November 30, 1782

The beginning of the end of the "War of Independence" began when a provisional treaty was signed between the newly-formed United States of America and the Kingdom of Great Britain. The final treaty wasn't completed and signed until nearly a year later in Paris on September 3, 1783.

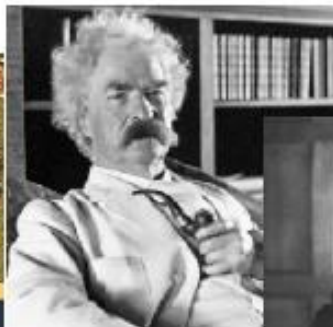




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Notable Birthdays

- Jonathan Swift, author of "Gulliver's Travels": November 30, 1667
- Mark Twain, American author and humorist: November 30, 1835
- British statesman Sir Winston Churchill: November 30, 1874
- American artist Georgia O'Keeffe: November 15, 1887
- Famed TV journalist Walter Cronkite: November 4, 1916
- The first and, to date, only female Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi: November 19, 1917
- Pulitzer-Prize winning poet Anne Sexton: November 9, 1928
- Bruce Lee, martial artist and film star: November 27, 1940
- Celebrity chef and restaurateur Gordon Ramsay: November 8, 1966





NOVEMBER

Notable Automotive Event

Did You Know?

Nov. 26, 1927

Ford Introduces the Model T's Replacement: In the days of Ford's one model policy, The Model A is announced as the company's new standard bearer. Just as sturdy, but more powerful and with a conventional manual transmission, the Model A is an immediate success.



November 15, 1977

It was this day, in fact, in 1977, that Ford Motor Company built its official 100,000,000th car. Produced at the factory in Mahwah, New Jersey, was a keystone car for the American manufacturer. It wasn't their popular F-150 or a Mustang, either, but rather a 1978 Ford Fairmont Futura. It was never sold to the public, rather, commemorated and preserved to mark the occasion.



The compact Ford Fairmont was all new for 1978, succeeding the Maverick. The model was sold as a coupe, sedan or station wagon and could be had with a variety of engines. Buyers could select from options such as the standard inline 4, a turbo inline 4, an inline 6, or a 302 V8. The last Fairmont left the line in 1983.



N O V E M B E R

Notable Automotive Event

Did You Know?



The first electric starter was built in England in 1896. The first American to come up with and patent an electric starter was Clyde J. Coleman in 1903.

1903: Clyde J. Coleman is issued a patent for an electric automobile starter. Coleman originally applied for the patent in 1899, but his early designs proved impractical. The need for this kind of starter for an internal combustion engine was obvious. Automobiles were getting larger, and hand-cranking the method used to get the pistons moving in order to make ignition possible was not only cumbersome, but physically demanding and potentially injurious.

The hand cranks in use at the time were built with an overrun mechanism meant to disengage the crank from the spinning drive shaft, but it was designed to work in forward drive only. If the car backfired, the engine could slip into reverse, forcing the crank backward sharply. The result could be a broken thumb, or worse.

The electric starter motor, when perfected, meant the end of the hand-cranked automobile.

Coleman sold his patent to the Delco Company, which was taken over by General Motors. Charles Kettering, a Delco engineer who joined GM, did some tinkering with Coleman's design and received his own patent for an improved version. The 1912 model Cadillac became the first car to replace the hand crank with an electric starter motor.

Most automobile manufacturers switched over to the electric starter during the teens, although Ford's Model T continued using the hand crank through 1919. With the exception of those old Model T's, almost every American car on the road boasted an electric starter by 1920.



The Rear View October Event



Saturday, October 19th turned out to be a great day for Garden Ridges' 9th Annual Car Show. Fortunately (or unfortunately according to our yards?) there was no forecast of rain. (Stan Andrews receives Class Award for his 1978 Tbird).

The event is put on by the Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association with all proceeds benefitting the Garden Ridge Police Department (GRCPAAA) and the Comal County 100 Club.

It appeared everyone in the GR area and beyond decided to show off their old and new cars and trucks. The elementary school parking lot was full as was the community office parking area!

Entering this year were Stan Andrews with his '78 Tbird, Gary Faught and their '57 and Danny Varella and his '66 Flairbird. Unfortunately, entry vehicles were "parked" as they drove in and we were not able to park as the club. We also encountered a new Tbird – a black convertible with NY plates? We left a business card in case they would like more information on STTC?

Judging began right away. There were 40+ very nice trophies, provided by Renown Restorations. To be awarded in the afternoon. In the meantime, exhibitors and car lovers strolled along the many lines of cars. Talk about extremes? Cars next



The Rear View October Event



to us were a 2024 Mustang and a very well-kept Model T! The visitors had a lot of variety of cars to see! Many stopped by asking questions and sharing their personal love of all things Thunderbirds. They took photos with their families and were having a great time.

GRCPAAA did a great job of accommodating everyone. STTC Club members, Walt and Poca were there lending their support for the Alumni Association with parking coordination and the goodie bag distribution for pre-registered car show participants. The bag included a car show T-Shirt, microfiber cleaning clothes, and a ticket for two free beers (or sodas) in their VIP “lounge”! The Alumni were also selling BBQ which included, hamburgers, pulled pork, homemade seasonal slices of cakes, cookies and much more to all guests. Business was good and again proceeds went to the GRPD!

Judging took place just before 4:00pm. As with most car shows, TBirds are at the very end of the spectrum of awards given as there are SOOO many classes of Corvettes, Mustangs and MOPARS etc. Two awards were given in each category. As always, the show was well run. We had nice weather and lots of great fellowship with others who love all things cars – old and new.

Perhaps in 2025 (the 10th anniversary of the show) we can turn out MORE of our “pretty birds”? Gary’s took Best in Class and Stan got the Class Award. Great job gentlemen!!! Write Up & Pix courtesy of Kathy Varella!



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**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

STTC Schedule Of Events



November 23, (Saturday at 11:30AM) - Annual STTC Christmas Party

This year's celebration will be at the Power Plant Restaurant, with reservations in the Generator Room in Seguin! Seats 50 – We have 31 attending! Full Details are in the email I sent out weeks ago – Website: <https://seguinpowerplant.com/>

Cost: \$25ea including tip. We will do the "Santa Gift Exchange" as usual. Tbird related gifts no more than \$20. GPS: 2006 Stockdale Hwy, Seguin, TX 78155



NO STTC meetings in December. January will be a STTC Business Meeting at Jordon Ford.

MARKETPLACE

In The Market / On The Market



On The Market

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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:

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