

July 2025



San Antonio, Texas



4th Of July & Thunderbird



Thunderbird Celebrating the Red - White - Blue

July 2, 1979 –
Sony Walkman
Introduced



4TH
July



July Zodiac Sign

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

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)



RUBY
THE JULY BIRTHSTONE



Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area!



Birthdays & Anniversaries



J U L Y

Birthdays

Pamela T 7/4 John A 7/5
Roxi R 7/7 Peggy F 7/8
Becky N 7/15 Terrell H 7/21
Carroll B 7/23 Cynthia H 7/30



Anniversaries

Carroll & Carol B 7/3

John & Pat C 7/13

John & Pamela 7/17



Presidents Message For July, 2025

Today, June 28th, 2025 we said our formal Goodbyes to great Friend, and fellow STTC Tbird owner Vernon Jackie Dowda, "Jack" to us who knew him and loved him. Jack had a great sense of humor that he brought to all around him and his presence will be greatly missed. Jack loved anything with wheels on it especially Thunderbirds and Trains. Today was a celebration of his life, with stories being told, and laughter experienced regarding many of the things he had to say. I, personally, will miss the many conversations we had over the years we knew each other, regarding our beloved Tbirds. The picture of Jack on the cover for the services is an excellent portrayal of the Jack we loved so well and will miss so much.

The STTC Business Meeting at Jordan Ford brought about no new business and was a review of the upcoming VTCI International Convention in September. Due to an unexpected health issue Brian Carron, our VTCI Regional Director and Convention Leader was not able to attend. I am pleased to say that according to what he has told me, that issue has been taken care of and he is back in the saddle again. It appears that this will be another great VTCI International Convention, in conjunction with the CTCI. Upon completion of a quick Business Meeting, we had time to close the meeting, and open it up for informal discussion on a variety of subjects. A copy of the Business Meeting will be forthcoming from me. Ray Clark STTC President.

<https://southtexasthunderbirdclub.com/index.html>



In Loving Memory
of
Vernon Jackie Dowda



August 15, 1941
April 30, 2025

Psalm 23

*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever."*



Order of Service

June 28, 2025

10:30am

Vernon Jackie Dowda

Welcome & Prayer

Bro. Butch Ikels

Music

"There's Nothing That
Our God Can't Do"

David Guion

& Congregation

Scripture & Prayer

Bro. Butch Ikels

Thoughts & Memories

Family & Friends

Music

"I Know Whom I
Have Believed"

David Guion

& Congregation

Message, Invitation,
& Prayer

Bro. Butch Ikels

Music

"Amazing Grace, My
Chains Are Gone"

David Guion

& Congregation

Prayer & Dismissal

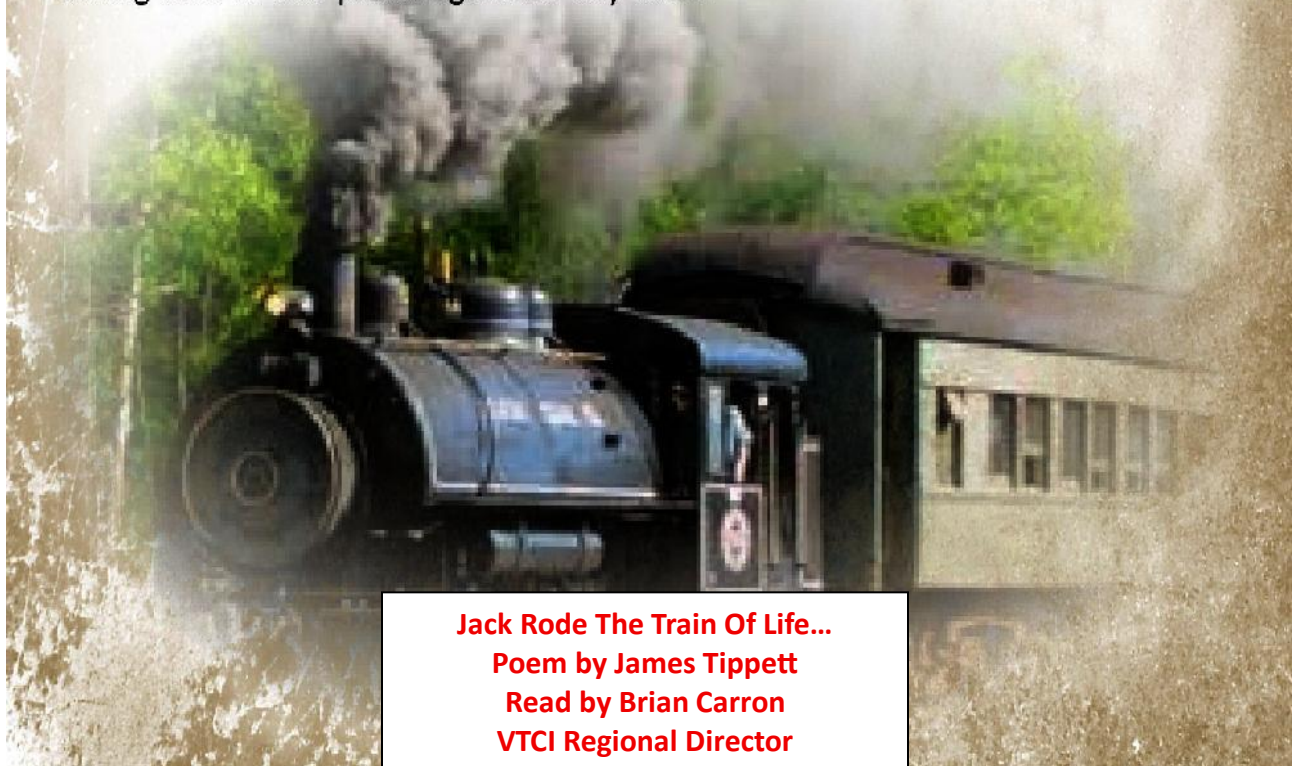
Bro. Butch Ikels

Train of Life

At birth, we boarded the train of life and met our parents, and we believed that they would always travel by our side. However, at some station, our parents would step down from the train, leaving us on life's journey alone. As time goes by, some significant people will board the train: siblings, other children, friends, and even the love of our life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we won't realize that they vacated their seats! This train ride has been a mixture of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

A successful journey consists of having a good relationship with all passengers, requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery that prevails is that we do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. Thus, we must try to travel along the track of life in the best possible way -- loving, forgiving, giving, and sharing.

When the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty - we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who continue to travel on the train of life. Let's remember to thank our Creator for giving us life to participate in this journey. I close by thanking you for being one of the passengers on my train!



Jack Rode The Train Of Life...
Poem by James Tippet
Read by Brian Carron
VTCI Regional Director

**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

STTC Schedule of Events

ATTENTION!

**NEW
UPDATE**



Jul 26th, NLT 11:30am Social Lunch La Madeleine French Restaurant, 722 NW Loop 410, Ste 201, San Antonio, TX 78216-5609. 210- 979- 9161.

August 23rd NLT 11:30am Social Lunch Sea Island 10303 IH 10 W., 78230.

September 20th or the 27th 09:30am – A return Cruise to Stonehenge II in Ingram. Lunch at 11am Billie Jean Restaurant. 1489 Junction Hwy 78028. Phone #: 830-895-7377.

October 25th 11am – A return to the Neon Sign & Player Piano Enterprises, of member John Talbot (owns a Retrobird Tbird!-Air Force Retired). He will be providing the food again!

November 22nd Our Christmas Party, location to be determined by our Activities Committee. More information to follow.

November-December – Bill Taylor KENS5-TV Toy Drive and Drop Off of toys. Dates and locations to be provided at a later date when those dates and times will be published by Bill Taylor. We plan on having about 6 different Tbirds per each of the collection days set. These will probably be Friday afternoons. More information to follow.



**"Stronger Together '55-'05 in '25,
Driving The Past Into The Future"**

*Don't Miss the Mega-Event
of the Year*

*Tours, speakers,
separate VTCL
& CTCL concours Judging*



**HOTEL: EMBASSY SUITES – N.GRAPEVINE, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 09-13, 2025**

SEPTEMBER 09-13, 2025 HOSTED BY



**CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL
(CTCI) AND
VINTAGE THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL
(VTCL)**





About South Texas Thunderbird Club

San Antonio Texas Thunderbird Club (STTC) Inc. has been in existence for 46 years 1979-2025. 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 Regional/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

www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net

download an application form, include fee and mail it to

VTCI

P.O. Box 75308

Wichita, KS 67275

- or -

fill it out online.

- or -

You can join through our website

www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com

**SOUTH TEXAS THUNDERBIRD CLUB
VINTAGE THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL CLUB
OFFICERS & COMMITTEE DIRECTORS**



STTC OFFICERS	COMMITTEE DIRECTORS	VTCI OFFICERS
President Ray Clark (210) 875-1411	Newsletter Editor Ray Clark (210) 875-1411	President Bob McNeill
Vice-President Stan Andrews (210) 296-4726	Auto Technical Advisor Ray Clark (210) 875-1411	Vice-President Vacant
Secretary Stan Andrews (210) 296-4726	Website Assistance Ray Clark (210) 875-1411	Executive Secretary Jake Wake
Treasurer Danny Varella (210) 215-7163	Historian Marilyn Carron	Treasurer Randy Mattson
	STTC Country Store Manager Jerry Cowan	Concourse Director Paul Prokop
	Activities Chairman Gary Faught	Technical Director Alan Tast
	STTC Photographer Stan Andrews	Publication Director Terri McNeill
	STTC Videographer Dené Ballantine	
		Country Store Renea & Scott Steffens
		South Central Regional Director Brian Carron



Websites
www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com
<https://www.vintagehunderbirdclub.net>





Membership Application

www.SouthTexasThunderbirdClub.com

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

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

Member info: your name: _____ birthday: _____
first / last month / day
spouse's name: _____ birthday: _____
first / last month / day
anniversary date: _____ VTCI #: _____
if currently a member
address: _____
street city st zip
telephone: hm (_____) _____ - _____ cell (_____) _____ - _____
email: _____

T-birds owned: year: _____ model: _____
year: _____ model: _____
year: _____ model: _____

Waiver And Release From Liability

As a member of the South Texas Thunderbird Club (STTC), I am solely responsible for any damage or injury to third parties, or to myself resulting from anything connected with STTC Club activities. I agree to indemnify and hold STTC Club, and Officers harmless for, or in any claim, loss, damage, injury, or liability, that may be asserted by me, or by any third party as a result of my activity. The foregoing covenants of exculpation and indemnity are intended to be and are complete, general and without restriction and include, but are not limited to, negligence (active or passive) or willful reckless or wanton activity. I further warrant that I carry automobile liability insurance on the vehicle, meeting or exceeding all Texas statutory requirements and that this insurance will be in force and effect for all STTC activities in which I participate. By becoming a member, you give consent to STTC to use photographs and video of you, the members in your party, and your vehicle(s) for promotion in print, online, and broadcast television. This release will be active for all STTC Club activities/events in which I participate.

member's signature: _____ date: _____

spouse's signature: _____ date: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SOUTH TEXAS THUNDERBIRD CLUB

mail application (with check) to: Danny Varella
27302 Park Loop Road
New Braunfels, TX 78132

for more club info, please contact:
Ray Clark rayclark07@att.net (210) 875-1411



revised 4.15.2025

VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / PROVINCE _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: _____

YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____

*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00
March / April	\$35.00	\$55.00
May / June	\$30.00	\$45.00
July / August	\$25.00	\$40.00
September / October	\$55.00	\$90.00 includes next year
November / December	\$50.00	\$80.00 includes next year



VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

(if different from above-please print) _____

Signature _____

Please make check payable & mail to:
Vintage Thunderbird Club International

P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.