



San Antonio, Texas

# August 2025



National Aviation Day - August 19<sup>th</sup>

Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.

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## Presidents Message for August 2025

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As we work our way through the Summer heat, we will continue to hold our monthly meetings locally, within the City and have social lunches. The Activities Committee has secured a location for our November 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Party. It will be Outback Steakhouse on IH-10W. See the Upcoming Events for more information and our upcoming activities for the rest of this year.

I do want to state that it is very important that ALL STTC Members join us for our annual Christmas Party in November of this year. Something very exciting is going to occur at this Christmas Party that we have never had happen before to my knowledge. There will also be several more surprises that will occur at this event. In the next few months, I will provide additional information regarding this subject as we get closer to November 22<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Put that date on your calendar and ALL of you should plan to be at this Christmas Party. There is a brief overview in the Upcoming Events section below.

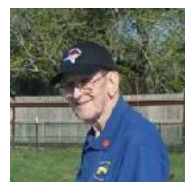
Dené has been busy with family visiting recently, and will be out of pocket for the next month or so. However, we do hope to get another video interview in with two members of our Club in the coming month, if time allows. You may expect to get a phone call from me to the couple that we choose. We look forward to doing another one to highlight the membership of our Tbird Club. I hope you enjoyed the one we did with Lou & Marilyn Paliani! Speaking of Lou, he has asked me to put his music on YouTube for him and I am busy doing that. Shortly, you will be able to hear and view his music he has created and the numerous bands he has performed with over the decades!

Our scheduled September Cruise to Stonehenge II in Ingram depends on whether or not we will be able to access that facility due to road closures, and if they are able to recover from the recent extreme flood damage to their buildings. If not, we do have a Plan B in mind. I will be checking with them again before the date we chose to make that determination to cruise there or not.

See the Website for more details.

<https://southtexasthunderbirdclub.com>

Ray Clark STTC President





# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## AUGUST



### BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Ross	8/01
William Lawton	8/03
Ray Clark	8/04
Jack Williams	8/13
Dené Ballantine	8/15
Laura Wahrmond	8/15
Gerry Busald	8/22
John Talbot	8/28



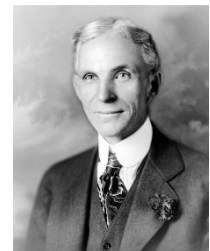
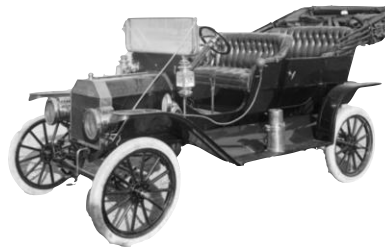
### ANNIVERSARY



No August  
Anniversary

#### August 12, 1902

The now legendary Model T was first manufactured on August 12th, although it remained at the factory until nearly October.



#### Aug. 15, 1899 - Take This Job And Shove It . . .

Arguably one of the most influential decisions in automotive history, Henry Ford quits his job with Edison Illuminating company to build his first automobile.

### August Zodiac Sign

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

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)  
VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sep 22)



# Peridot



August  
Birthstone



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS!**

## STTC Schedule of Events

**ATTENTION!**

**NEW  
UPDATE**



August 23rd, Saturday NLT 11:30am Sea Island Social Lunch. GPS: 10303 I-10W 78230, 210-558-8989.

September 20th or 27th, Saturday (depending on the weather) 09:30 Meet Up Time. (Location to be determined). A return Cruise to Stonehenge II in Ingram (if flood conditions allow). Lunch at 11am Billie Jean Restaurant. GPS: 1489 Junction Hwy78028. Phone: 830-895-7377. This IS a dual Tbird Club event!

October 25th Saturday 11am - A return to the Neon Sign & Player Piano Enterprises of STTC Member John Talbot. He will be providing the food again. Shop address: GPS: 10556 Brooks Ave. 78154. 210-241-5352. This IS a dual Tbird Club event!

November 22nd, Saturday 11am-3pm. Christmas Party, Outback Steakhouse, GPS: 12511 I-10W 78230, 210-696-4329. Private Dining Room holds 58 people. Order from Menu, 20% gratuity per check. ALL MEMBERS SHOULD BE THERE. There is one HUGE special event, involving ALL STTC Members and several special events scheduled. To include the introduction of our new "Tbird Tales Trio" of Lou Paliani on Guitar, Dené Ballantine, on Electronic Harp, & Becky Nelson, vocalist, leading Christmas songs. Put this date on your schedule and plan to be there. We will be exchanging gifts per our usual method! More details to come.

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



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## 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](http://www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net)

download an application form, include fee and mail it to

**VTCI**

**P.O. Box 75308**

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- or -

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- or -

You can join through our website

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## South Texas Thunderbird Club Support Material



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### STTC Website

Providing Club News, Activities, Membership, Gallery  
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## Membership Application

[www.SouthTexasThunderbirdClub.com](http://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](http://www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net)

Member info: your name: \_\_\_\_\_ birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## VTCI Membership Application Form

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