



San Antonio, Texas

September 2025



2025 VTCI & CTCI Joint International Concours Convention

*September 9-13, 2025
Embassy Suites
Grapevine, Texas*



Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.

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Presidents Message for September 2025

The 2025 Joint VTCI/CTCI Convention in Grapevine, Texas just ended and overall, it was a very enjoyable one. There were 336 Tbirders, and 109 Tbirds at this event. There many exterior activities to enjoy and I will list them below. The nice thing regarding this event is that it was pretty much in our backyard. It was a five-hour cruise for me in TweetyBird 2. It was very enjoyable for me as I got to see VTCI friends across the Nation who I had met at past Conventions and it gave us the opportunity to catch up with each other and share the Convention together. Lou Paliani and I enjoyed about 3+ hours of chinwag with the newly elected VTCI President Tom Przedwojewski! There was so much activity going on that there were friends made in past years that I would have enjoyed catching up with, but never had a chance to do so. What is great about an event like this is the chance to make new friends and stay in contact with them via email or phone calls over the years. Further down this newsletter I will list those in STTC whose Tbirds earned VTCI or CTCI Judging Awards. The STTC once again was awarded another VTCI Newsletter Gold Award and I accepted it for the Club! If I have the count correct, that is 9 in a row!

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. Next month I will provide additional information regarding this subject as we get closer to November 22nd 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.

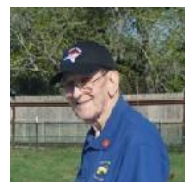
Dené has been overseas in Uzbekistan for a couple of weeks but has just recently returned. She will have a lot to tell us regarding her trip I am sure when we see her again in Ingram on the 27th!

Our scheduled September Cruise to Stonehenge II in Ingram IS on (depending on the weather). If bad weather, we do have a Plan B in mind. Presently, there is no rain projected for this Saturday!

See the Website for more details.

<https://southtexasthunderbirdclub.com>

Ray Clark STTC President





Birthdays & Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

LOVE



BIRTHDAYS

Stan L	9/06
Robbie H	9/07
Barry B	9/11
Linda R	9/20
Brian C	9/24
Bruce R	9/24

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ANNIVERSARY

Lisa & Pete	9/03
Ed & Helen	9/11
Ronald & Jenna	9/28

September 7, 1954 –

Ford Thunderbird production begins



September 25, 1926

Henry Ford cuts the work day to 8 hours and doubles his workers pay. Somehow, this increased productivity at his factories and the 40 hour work week was born.



September Zodiac Sign

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

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

LIBRA (Sep 23 - Oct 22)



Virgo

Express your authentic self



Libra

Reflect on the past year

TODAY IN
FORD
HISTORY



Ford Falcon Introduced



SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1959



September Birthstone
Sapphire

**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

STTC Schedule of Events

ATTENTION!

**NEW
UPDATE**



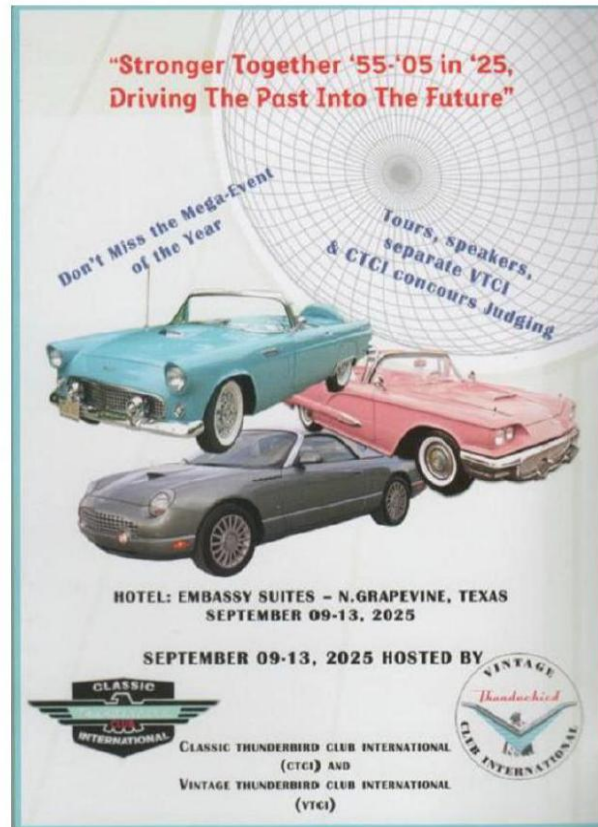
September 27th, Saturday (depending on the weather) 09:30 Meet Up Time. (Bass Pro Shop outside 1604 outside loop -1st light). A return Cruise to Stonehenge II in Ingram. The road has been cleared. Lunch at 11am Billie Jean Restaurant. 1489 Junction Hwy78028. Phone: 830-895-7377. This IS a dual Tbird Club event! If bad weather we will have a social luncheon inside IH-10 & Loop 1604. There is no rain projected for this date.

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.







336 "Thunder Struck" Tbird Lovers, and 109 Tbirds attended this first time 2025 Joint VTCI/CTCI International Convention! You saw many of the Tbirds on the Field, from 1955-2005. Leadership of both International Clubs shared duties and responsibilities, and set many activities for the attendees to enjoy while there. There were Guest Speakers and off-site tours to enjoy. Some non-Tbird pix are from the Sam Pack & Minters Tbirds tours or Texas Speedway cruise. Bird Bath=SnackBar. Here is a list.



Brian ~ Setting up Judging Area!



Brian at Registration!

Schedule of Events	
Tuesday	
10am-5pm:	Check-In and Packet Pickup Bird Bath Open; Dinner on your own
Wednesday	
1pm:	AT&T Cowboy Stadium Bus Departs
5pm:	Speaker Tbird Bob, Cross Timbers 3
6pm:	Speaker Matt Truax; Cross Timbers 3 Bird Bath Open, Dinner on your own
Thursday	
7:30am:	9/11 Salute in Cross Timber 3
8am-12:	VTCI BOD & Membership Mtg/ Judge Training in the Dooley RM
9am-12:	CTCI Judge Training in Cross Timbers 3
1pm:	Driving Tour To Texas Motor Speedway
1pm:	Pres. George Bush Library Bus Departs
5pm:	Speaker Steve Legel, Cross Timbers 3 Bird Bath Open; Dinner on your own
Friday	
8:30am:	Owners & Judges Meeting - Mandatory
9:30am:	Concours Judging - Show Field
10:30am:	Dallas Arboretum Bus Departs
5:30pm:	Thunderbird Bistro Buffet/No Host Bar (Various Recognition Awards) - the Atrium Entertainment Sponsored by Hills Auto
7pm:	
Saturday	
7am:	Swap Meet, Hotel Parking Lot
11am:	Driving/Bus Tour-Sam Pack and Minter's
5:30pm:	Cocktails No Host Bar
6:30pm:	Awards Banquet, Heritage Ballroom



Marilyn working Registration!



Danny & Kathy-Hospitality Suite!



Ray & Jerry ~ Hospitality Suite!



1990 Tbird of ~ Tom Prezdwjowski ~ VTCI President
He drove it to the Convention from Washington State!



Tbird On Display at Embassy Suites Hotel!



Visit to Sam Pack Auto Group – 9 pix!



Brad-n-Bonnie Kershaw-NTVTC
1960 Squarebird On Display







**A visit to the Famous Amos Minter
1955-1957 Tbird F-Bird Collection!**





Lou & Marilyn Paliani & Laura Wahrmund!



Lou & Marilyn Paliani & Me!



Brian Carron Introducing Marilyn Paliani!



Barry, Danny, Kathy, Poca, Brian, Walt, Cheryl, Gerry & Judy (supplied me with many of the pix you see!)



Danny, Kathy, Erik, Laura, Poca, Walt!



Walt, Poca, Danny, Kathy, Barry, Judy!



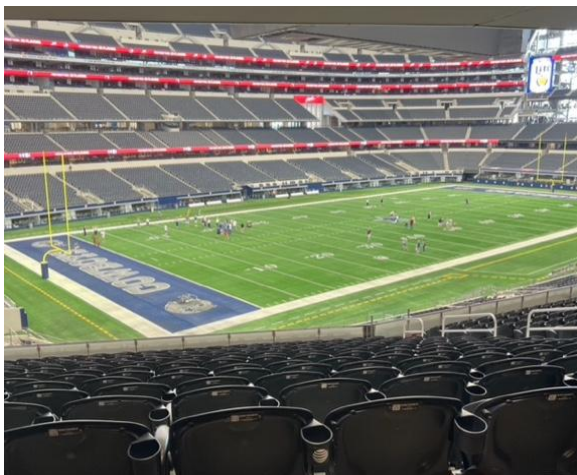
Danny Varella Manning Registration Desk!



Dallas Arboretum Tour!



Lining up to Drive the Texas Motor Speedway!



Cowboys Stadium & Guides Visit





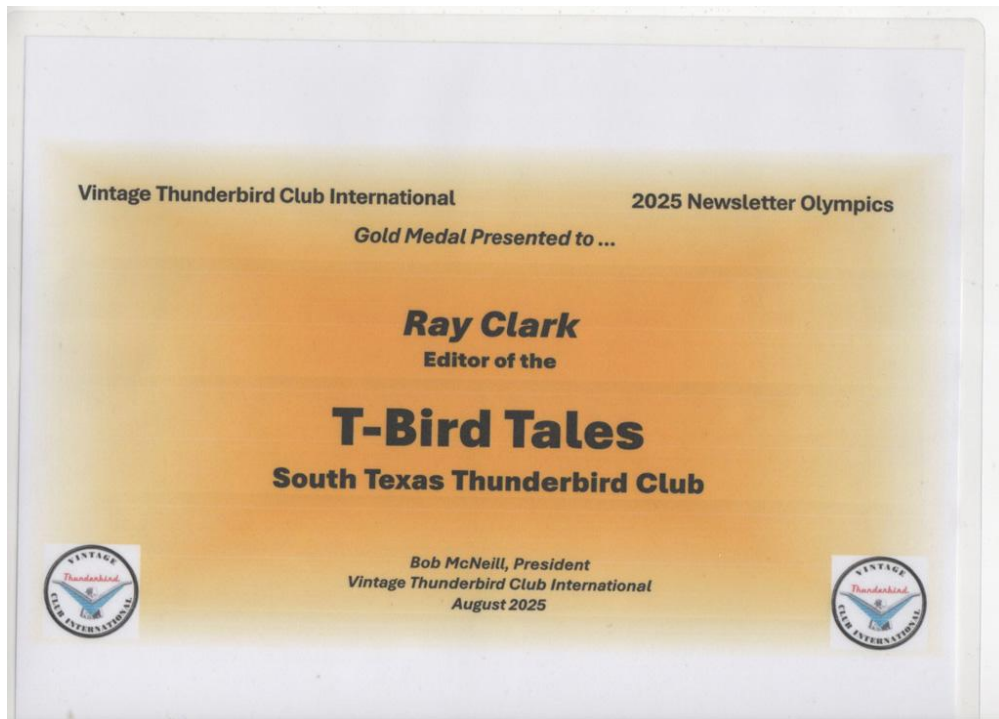
George W. Bush Presidential Library & 9/11 Memorial



2025 Life Time VTCI Membership Award-Laura Wahrmund!

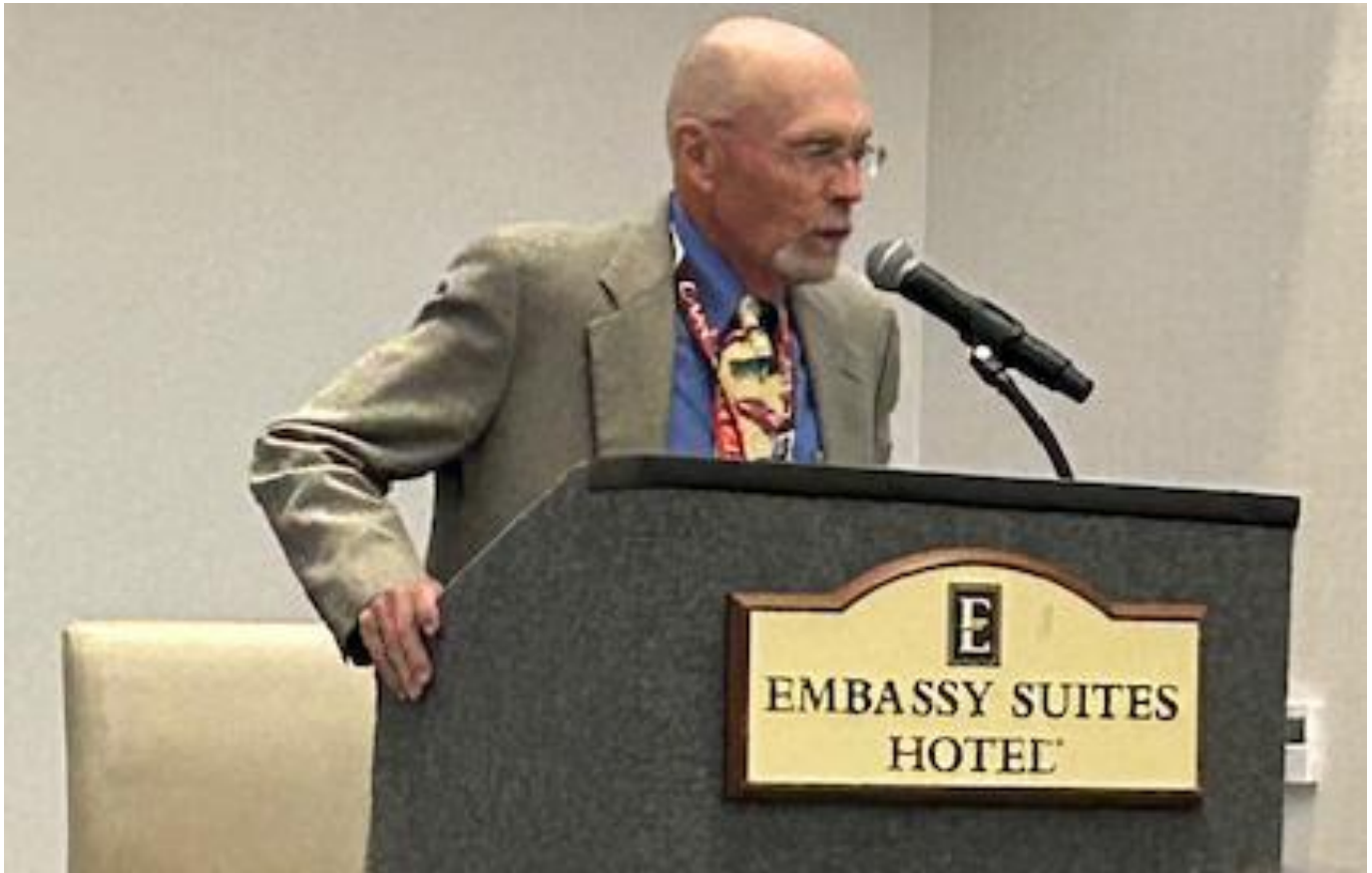


2025 VTCI Gold Newsletter Award To STTCI!



Friday Night - Laura received the VTCI Life Time Award for recognition of her many years as the VTCI County Store Manager. We received the VTCI Gold Newsletter Award for the 9th straight year! Under the Editorship of myself, then Marilyn Carron for 5 years (if I have that correct), and 2 years by Bruce Reader! Then this one!





VTCI Regional Director – CTCL Ex-President Convention Head ~ Brian Carron ~ STTC ~ Awards Banquet Speech!



New VTCI President Tom Przedwojewski ~ Awards Banquet Speech!



VTCL & CTCL Tbird Awards Announcements!



All of the South Texas Thunderbird Club Members and their family members who worked hard to put this first Combined CTCI-VTCI International Convention together. Especially Brian & Marilyn Carron! Along with many of the Leaders and Members of the Arcadian Thunderbirds of Louisiana, the North Texas Vintage Thunderbird Club, the Sooner Thunderbird Car Club, and the Vintage Thunderbirds Of Houston. Also, the CTCI Clubs across this Region and Country.



2025 VTCI-CTCI Convention Banquet Table Piece!



Brian & Marilyn Carron were the STTC members to receive Awards from the VTCI & CTCI Judges.





Brian & Marilyn Carron received two VTCI Awards ~ 1st Place Touring for the 1968 and Authenticity Award for the 1968. This recognition of the 1968 reflects restoration to factory condition as determined by special judging conducted by the Chief Judge and the Technical Director using a 56-point checklist where the car must successfully check at least 42 of the items.



From CTCI they received a prestigious Gold/Gold Medallion Award for their Willow Green 1957 Babybird!

Brian stated to me that all the Awards are having the winning inscriptions imprinted on them and they will be mailed out shortly to all those whose Tbirds earned the various awards!

1964 FLAIRBIRD CONVERTIBLE FOR SALE LOCALLY!

Ex STTC member Krista Pepau in San Marcos is offering her gorgeous 1964 Flairbird Convertible for sale. This Tbird has been selected as a Tbird Of The Month by me recently. Of the 92,465 1964 Flairbirds produced, only 9,198 were Convertibles. Here are Krista's comments regarding her Tbird. Currently everything is working on her. AC is cold. The odometer shows 5484 miles however it could have rolled over that in the past. Paint is good. The Convertible top is in excellent condition and all is working well. One small issue on back where the previous owner tried to cover a scratch himself. She is in great condition, with no known rust issues. The exterior Paint Code is F=Lt. Blue-Arcadian Blue. This Tbird does not have power brakes, windows or seats. This is an advantage because you will not have to contend with Power issues many Tbirds with Power accessories have. She has earned many awards in S&S events over the years. She is asking \$35,000 OBO. That seems to be the ballpark asking price for a similar 1964 Convertible offered for sale today. Contact info: Phone: 512-665-4352. Krittap@gmail.com.







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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

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www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com



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Membership Application

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
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first / last month / day
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if currently a member
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street city st zip
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T-birds owned: year: _____ model: _____
 year: _____ model: _____
 year: _____ model: _____

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member's signature: _____ date: _____

spouse's signature: _____ date: _____

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VTCI Membership Application Form

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