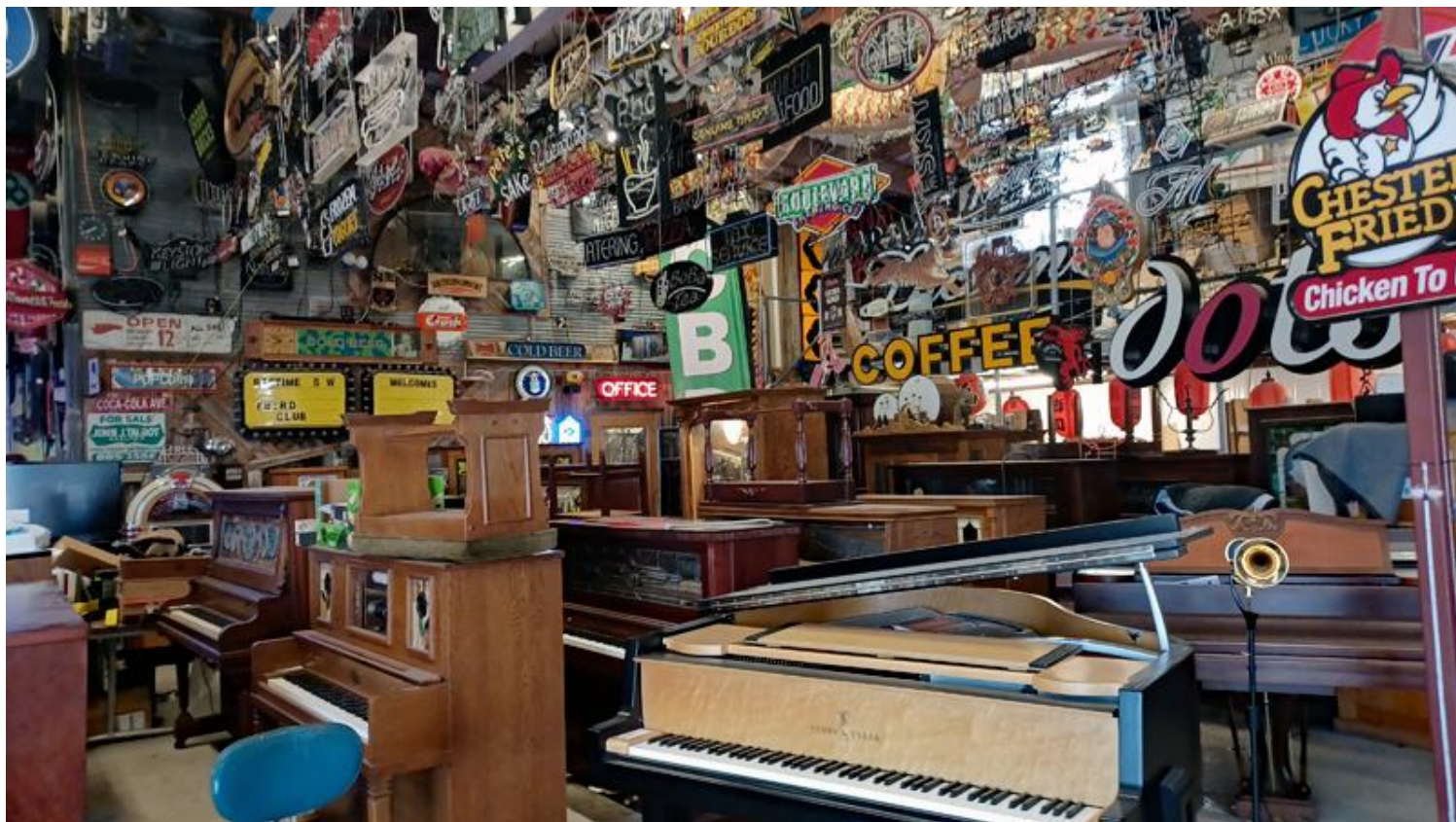




San Antonio, Texas

October 2025

Visit to Ragtime Southwest Neon Sign & Player Pianos of John Talbot!



Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.

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Presidents Message for October 2025

Here we are with Winter approaching and before we know it, we will be celebrating the approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We have much to give thanks for another terrific year of STTC activities and the fun and fellowship that comes with it. We just enjoyed another visit to fellow member John Talbot's Ragtime Neon Sign & Player Piano/Jukeboxes shop. The attendance was low but the enjoyment of spending time with each other was great, as was the food John provided for us.

This newsletter contains a lot of pix of John's facility and also a link to the Video that Dené took during our visit with John will be emailed to you after I create it. There will be more pix and short videos in the video I create. As usual, she did a fantastic job of taking pix and videos of our Club activity. It will give you an opportunity for those of you who missed this activity to view what ya missed out on.

Our next Club activity will be our Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, 11am, on November 22nd. You do NOT want to miss this event as something very special will happen and there will also be some nice surprises, not to mention the singing of Christmas songs and the introduction of our own Tbird Christmas Song to be sung by members of our newly formed Tbird Trio! They are Lou Paliani, (Past STTC President, Past VTCI President) on Guitar, Dr. Dené Ballantine, on Electric Harp, and Becky Nelson, leading the singing! They will join Lou Paliani and I on Friday, October 31st for a rehearsal for this upcoming event! We will have a private dining room at no cost to the Club. So please put this date on your schedule as this is an event that, because of a Special Event, ya'll will NOT want to miss out on! I will provide the full details of the restaurant location in Upcoming STTC Events below.

The Activities Committee will be meeting in the coming days to plan our STTC activities for 2026. I am pleased to announce that Jerry & Barbara Cowan have joined the Committee. We are very pleased to have their input. Ya'll have the time to communicate with the Faught's, Andrew's, Varella's and Cowan's as to what ya'll would like to do in 2026. So email or phone them and provide them with your input so we can schedule activities that ya'll would like to see the Club schedule for next year!

Best Regards, and see ya down the road!

Your Prez ~ Ray Clark





Birthdays & Anniversaries

OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Paliani 10/03
Gary Faught 10/17
Carolyn Faught 10/23



ANNIVERSARY

William & Shuquin Lawton/Zang
10/03

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

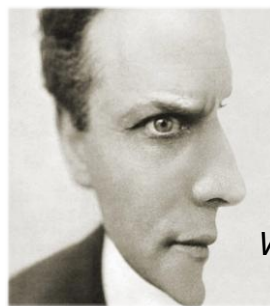
Model T Day is celebrated every year on October 1 to commemorate the day that changed how America traveled on its roads. Model T was an iconic automobile that changed America's streetscape. We absolutely love and respect Henry Ford for introducing the car to America and contributing to its progress.



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

October Event





In The Rear View

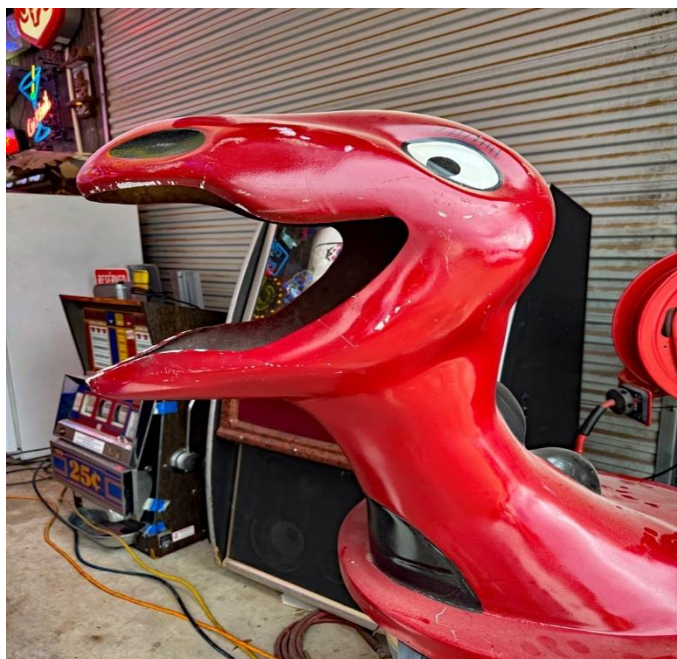
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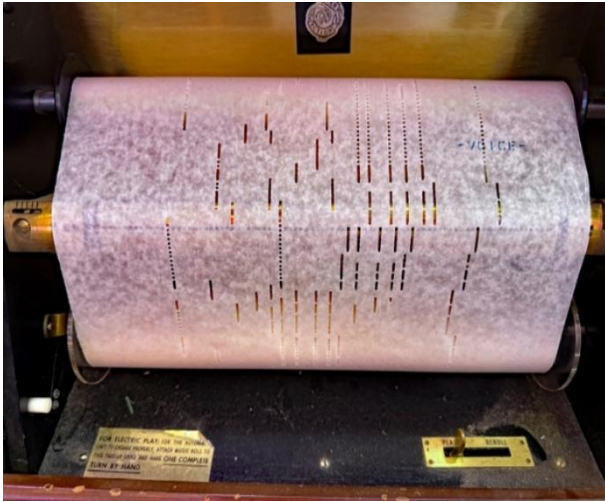
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Photos Courtesy Of Dené!

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**



ATTENTION!

STTC Schedule of Events

November 22nd, Saturday 11am-3pm. Christmas Party, Outback Steakhouse, GPS: 12511 I-10W 78230, 210-696-4329. Private Dining Room (which is FREE) 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. As a Thank You to me for putting his music on YouTube for him, Lou has donated one of his Guitars to the Club to be auctioned off at this event! The money raised by this will go directly into the STTC Piggy Bank. We will be selling tickets at \$10ea or 3 for \$20! It will be the Guitar he is playing during the Christmas songs we will be singing! There will be just 1 drawing and the winning ticket takes home his Guitar! Put this date on your schedule and plan to be there. We will be exchanging gifts per our usual method! More details to come.

Friday, November 21st, the day BEFORE the Christmas Party The Bill Taylor KENS5-TV Toy Drive will happen! Same time, same Target location as last year. We plan on having as many Tbirds as are allowed at this event with the hope being able to show up at other locations and dates after this one. There will be more info to follow as it becomes available. Danny 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! The goal was to better our Toy Collection of \$1,000 from last year. Danny & Kathy say we are way behind in toy collections from last year. Contact your family, friends, HEB & Walmart Store Managers quickly for donations! The Toy Drive is a KENS5-TV Charity event.

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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

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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

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