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South Texas Thunderbird Club



T-Bird Trio
Christmas 2025

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Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area.



Presidents Message For November 2025

As we enter the Winter of the year the STTC finds itself attending the activities that we so much enjoy! That involves the celebration of Thanksgiving, which we have much to be thankful for, and the celebration of Christmas which we have even more to be thankful for. Friday the 21st of November found us involved in our 2nd KENS5-TV Bill Taylor Toy Drive. Like last year, many of our Club members decked themselves and their Tbirds out for Christmas and drove thru the Toy Drop Off at Target. This year we doubled last year's toy collection of \$1,000 to a \$2,000 donation! Congratulations to Danny & Kathy Varella and participating members for a job well done again. Bill Taylor is very pleased with our results and looks forward to seeing us again next year.

The next day we held our Annual Christmas Party at Outback Steakhouse. Those who were not able to attend missed a GREAT Christmas Party the members attending said! Congratulations to Stan & Olga Andrews, Jerry & Barbara Cowan, and Laura Wahrmund who received the STTC Yellow Rose Of Texas Award from me. Laura was not able to attend to receive it. That is in the video that Seth Nelson shot for us. We introduced our new STTC T-Bird Trio of Lou Paliani on Electric Guitar, Dené on Electric Harp, and Becky Nelson vocalist! They delivered an outstanding rendition of 3 best known Christmas Songs and topped it off with Becky singing our very own new T-Bird Christmas Song! Written as a surprise to me by Dené. It was an instant hit, and Brian has indicated that he sent it to the VTCI President so it can be used by other T-Bird Clubs and Dené agreed to that! A new T-Bird Trio video that Dené just created has been emailed to all members to see what ya missed! The Activity Committee meets soon to plan 2026!

See ya in 2026! Stay Safe! Ray Clark, STTC President





Birthdays & Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

LOVE



BIRTHDAYS

Lou Paliani	11/1
Ron Hatchett	11/21
Thom Reynolds	11/21

ANNIVERSARY

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

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING



AGAIN ...
BACK-TO-BACK

We Fell Back - When will it ever end?

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 Pais on September 3, 1783.

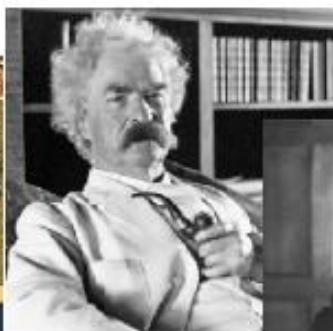




NOVEMBER

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

LET'S
GET
STARTED

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.



N O V E M B E R

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.



“Bill’s Elves” Toy Drive





2025 STTC CHRISTMAS PARTY!



Introducing the STTC T-Bird Trio - Lou Paliani - Electric Guitar, Beth Nelson - Vocalist, Dené Ballantine - Electric Harp!



Just a few pix of the Twenty that were present for the Christmas Party! See and enjoy the Video's!



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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

P.O. Box 75308

Wichita, KS 67275

– or –

fill it out online.

– or – You can join through our website

www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com

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- 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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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 passives 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. This release will be active for all STTC Club activities/events in which I participate.

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