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Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area



Presidents Message for February 2026

Here we are about to go into our Spring time of the year, having survived a Winter that often felt more like Spring, Summer or Fall! Considering the Winter we just went through we may not have a lot of Wildflowers to view on our upcoming Cruise this month into the Hill Country. So our Activities Committee planned an extended stop to the Wildseed Farm we visited several years ago. The good thing about it is that they irrigate their flowers so there should be a great number of various flowers to see and take photos of. It will be an extended stop this time, instead of the short one we made last time. Before that we will have lunch at one of our favorite BBQ places in the Hill Country, Backwoods BBQ in Fredericksburg.

We just had a change in the schedule our Activities Committee has put out for us. We had planned on a Cruise back to Gateway Classic Cars to show off our Tbirds again and gain \$200 for our Toy Drive for doing so. That is, until Stan told me that he and Olga had taken their Mustang to a Mustang Club meeting and found out that Eric Love of Gateway had left the company. Gateway Upper management has ended the give away of that \$200 to Clubs who show up to show off their Classic Cars! So a decision was made by me to discard that activity and the Activities Committee will find something else to do for the month of June. It might be something simple like a social luncheon since it is June and we might want to stay close to home instead of going Cruising. I will let you know what is decided for that month.

Most of our STTC membership have renewed their 2026 membership but we still have a few stragglers. When Danny determines that renewals are behind us, he will put out a new 2026 STTC Roster for us. He has been providing me with updates as he goes along. If there are no changes to your information indicate **NO CHANGES** on your \$20 check, send it to Danny for renewal. If there are changes, then fill out the form to indicate the changes and send it in. If you need the form just print out the STTC Membership Application form from the Join Us page on the website.

There is great historical Tbird information coming out in the VTCl Scoop magazine shortly. That will be the only source of it, so I wholeheartedly encourage you who are not VTCl members to quickly join so you do not miss it! Go to the VTCl website and sign up for \$50 per couple for the rest of this year! The info you get from this upcoming historical article could put a lot of shekels' in your pocket if you own the item in the Treasure Hunt! The Scoop is a great source for a lot of Tbird technical information!

Best Regards, Your STTC President
Ray Clark





Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Dave Raaf	2/04
Peter Glawe	2/06
Paul Foley	2/15
Peter Horst	2/15

ANNIVERSARY

Dave & Roxi Raaf 2/09

LOVE



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



HAPPY
GROUNDHOG DAY

Valentine's Day

On February 2, 2026,
Punxsutawney Phil saw
his shadow at Gobbler's
Knob, predicting six
more weeks of winter.



February Zodiac Sign

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

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

STTC Schedule of Events

Mar-Sat 28- 11am Lunch Backwoods BBQ Fredericksburg. Then Wildseed Farm Fredericksburg.

Apr-24-25 FRI/SAT-Overnight Lake Buchanan Boat trip for those who want to go on Cruise-Lunch on Boat or Brownbag. Info coming from Jerry Cowan.

**May-1-3 FRI-SUN-Randolph AFB Air Show/Car show event-Brownbag lunch.
Sat 16 -Thunderbird Appreciation Day-Northside Ford-Food provided by Northside Ford.**

Jun- TBD... Maybe a Social Lunch. See reason given in Presidents Message!

Jul-Sat 25-Business Meeting-10AM-11:30AM, Northside Ford, Lunch TBD.

Aug- THURSDAY 27-Possible afternoon Toyota Plant Tour-Lunch TBD.

Sep- WEDNESDAY 23rd-Return trip to CAF San Marcos-Lunch TBD.

Oct- Sat 24-Revisit Stonehenge in Ingram (Open again) Lunch-Billy Gene' Restaurant Kerrville.

Nov-FRIDAY 20th-Toy Drive.

Saturday 21st-11AM Christmas Party at Outback Steak House ~ STTC T-Bird Trio Performs!

Dec: No STTC Activity planned due to Christmas.





The Rear View

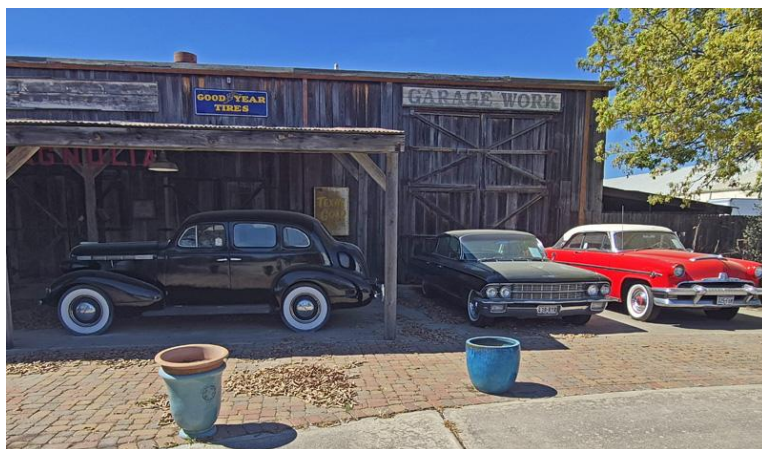


Lunch at Don Pedro's & SAS Shoe Plant Tour Pix. Pix & Videos during the Tour were not allowed due to Company policies.





The Rear View





The Rear View



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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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fill it out online.

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You can join through our website www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com if you prefer

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

STTC OFFICERS	COMMITTEE DIRECTORS	VTCI OFFICERS
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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
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

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member's signature: _____ date: _____

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for more club info, please contact:

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VTCI *Membership Application Form*

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