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Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area



Presidents Message for March 2026

As we thought, because of the rather warm Winter we had, we did not see a lot of wildflower growth (except in some of the center and side sections on major highways) during our annual Wildflower Cruise on March 28th. The Wildseed Farms did not have much in the way of Wildflower growth either. I had thought that they irrigated their flower beds, but was told that they rely on rainfall also and that was lacking over the Winter. There were a few small flower beds that did provide us with some nice pictures. Since this was our last stop, after enjoying the usual great BBQ at Backwoods BBQ , we spent as much time as everyone wanted to enjoying their facility. As usual, thanks to Stan and Dené we have great pix and videos to share with ya'll. I have already sent out the STTC Video to all the members, after putting it all together.

Thanks to information provided by Jerry & Barbara Cowan our April activity will be another Cruise over April 24-25th for a River Boat Cruise on Lake Buchanan. Some are going up early Friday morning for a stay overnight at the Lodge and others early Saturday morning for the 11am Boat Cruise joined by those from the Friday trip. Both Tbird Clubs are invited on this Cruise and in all we do! See the details in Upcoming Activities which also lists the monthly STTC Activities for the rest of this year. The Activities Committee is working on where to hold a June social STTC meeting to replace the Gateway Classics event which has been cancelled as explained in last month's newsletter.

Danny Varella is about to wrap up the STTC Membership renewal activity and put out the 2026 STTC Roster to us. As usual, we lost just a few members, and we also picked up a few that replace those we lost. We are sorry to see those few leave and are looking forward to meeting those who have joined us this year. I have been in communication with them, and we had the pleasure of meeting one new couple at last months meeting. We look forward to see ya'll at up coming meetings! Welcome to the Club!

Having seen and approved my comments on this exciting new article based on my research, it is scheduled to be out in the May/June VTCl Scoop magazine. After years of writing about this, researching, and promoting it, I am very pleased to see it about to become public knowledge. Very few Tbird owners know these 1955-1966 Ford supported PowerCar "Junior" Tbirds and other "Junior" cars exist! I am VERY pleased that we have a new VTCl President who is fully into this and supports it. Hopefully, ya'll have signed up for VTCl membership to get this article. That will be the only source of it. The info you get from this upcoming historical article could put a lot of shekels' in your pocket if you find one in family storage! So join the Treasure Hunt!

Best Regards, Your STTC President

Ray Clark





Birthdays & Anniversaries

MARCH



BIRTHDAYS



Nellie W

3/16

Pocahontas C

3/31

ANNIVERSARY

Jerry & Barbara C 3/04



March 2 National Banana Cream Pie Day

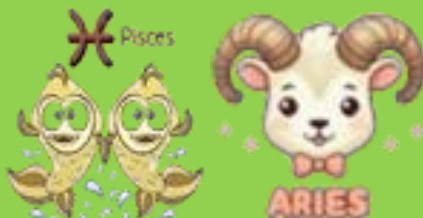


National Hug a G.I. Day | March 4
#CelebrateEveryDay

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

PISCES -Feb 19-Mar 20)

ARIES (Mar 21-into April)



March Birthstones~Aquamarine & Bloodstone



National Napping Day | Day After Return of Daylight Saving Time
#CelebrateEveryDay

Happy St. Patrick's Day



**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

STTC Schedule of Events

Apr-24-25 FRI/SAT-Overnight Lake Buchanan Boat trip Lunch on Boat. Some members of both Tbird Clubs are going up on Friday, and staying at the Lodge. Others (like Dené and I) are going up early Saturday morning. On Saturday, ALL of us must be at the Boat at 11AM or it will leave without us. More details to come 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...

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 Jean 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

Pictures are courtesy of Stan Andrews and Dené Ballantine!
 She also did the videography you saw in the YouTube video <https://youtu.be/pVK-gNIUZEU>





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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.

or –

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 Videographer Dené Ballantine	
		Country Store Manager Scott Steffens
		South Central Regional Director Brian Carron



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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: _____

spouse's signature: _____ date: _____

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LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

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