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Welcoming all years of Thunderbirds in the San Antonio area



Presidents Message for April 2026

Here we are enjoying getting our Tbirds back on the road again as we move into our Spring Time activities. Our usual foray into the Hill Country to see wildflowers did not do well this year due to the lack of weather needed to populate good wildflower growth. We will continue the cruise for wildflowers next Spring and hope for much better coverage. An interesting thing happened regarding wildflower activity during our April 24-25th River Boat Cruise on Lake Buchanan! On Dené's cruise up and back to the River Boat Cruise she was able to get some good pictures of the wildflowers around the Burnet area which was much better further north and you will see them below.

Having seen and read the VTCl article on Ford Power Car "Juniors" I was very pleased to see it in print finally. Tom Przedwojeski did an excellent job of putting together the research that I had provided him regarding this largely forgotten and unknown history of Ford Motor Company and its relationship with the Power Car Company to promote and advertise the new 1955-1967 Tbirds (and other Fords) being built by Ford. I am told by Tom that the article has "knocked the socks off" many Tbird owners who never knew that mini "Junior" versions were being made back then and still can be found today! After years of writing about this, researching, and promoting it, I am very pleased to see it become public knowledge once again, after the then newly formed VTCl came into existence. Very few Tbird owners knew these 1955-1967 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. To the point where he is encouraging that all Tbird "Junior" owners bring their "Junior" Tbirds back to VTCl conventions, as they used to in the early years of the then VTCA.

As a result of that article and the renewed interest in "Juniors" I have created a new International Website dedicated to ALL "Junior" cars regardless of make, model, or manufacturer. After seeing the success that Ford was having by creating "Junior" cars identical to their Senior cars, the other members of the Big 3 Auto Companies jumped on the bandwagon and had other companies building "Juniors" for their models. This new "Junior" Facebook website is about 10 days old, and now has 21 members, many are well known collectors and/or restorers of "Junior" cars. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1263001525823213>. Nearly 300 people have viewed this page so far. click the Join Group icon to ask questions or post if you happen to own one! The info you get from this historical article could put a lot of shekels' in your pocket if you find one in family storage! So join the Treasure Hunt! If you did not get to read that article, I have a copy of it. Let me know

Best Regards, Your STTC President
Ray Clark





Birthdays & Anniversaries

APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

Seth N	4/01
Steve B	4/13
Judith B	4/23
Walt C	4/23
Michael P	4/25
Larry Q	4/25
"Tex" L	4/30



ANNIVERSARY

NO APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



April 17, 1964 – Ford unveils the Mustang at the New York World's Fair. This iconic automobile has been produced by the millions and remains very popular to this day.



April Flower
Daisy & Sweet Pea

April Zodiac Sign

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

ARIES (March 21 – April 19)

TAURUS (April 20 – May 20)



April Birthstone
Diamond

**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

STTC Schedule of Events

May-1-3 FRI-SUN-Randolph AFB Air Show/Car show event
Sat 16 -Tbird Appreciation Day-Northside Ford-Food provided

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 Dené Ballantine! She did the videography you saw in the YouTube video.

View a lot more pix in the Website! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bF9o9097fMMLso>





The Rear View



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55-57 Casco 800-374-0914 www.classictbird.com

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About South Texas Thunderbird Club

San Antonio Texas Thunderbird Club (STTC) Inc. has been in existence for 47 years 1979-2026. 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: 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 if you prefer

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

STTC OFFICERS	COMMITTEE DIRECTORS	VTCL OFFICERS
President Ray Clark (210) 875-1411	Newsletter Editor Ray Clark (210) 875-1411	President Tom Przedwojewski
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	STTC Photographer Stan Andrews	Publication Director Vacant
	STTC Videographer Dené Ballantine	
		Country Store Manager Scott Steffens
		South Central Regional Director Brian Carron



Websites
www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com
www.vintagethunderbirdclub.com





South Texas Thunderbird Club Support Material



STTC Brochure



STTC Patch



STTC Club Cards



STTC Member Name Tags



STTC Website

Providing Club News, Activities, Membership, Gallery

www.southtexasthunderbirdclub.com

The New VTCI Country Store Manager is Renea Steffens - vtcicountrystore@gmail.com

VTCL COUNTRY STORE



\$3.50

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To view all products for sale or to purchase online, please visit the Country Store

WWW.VINTAGETHUNDERBIRDClub.NET





www.SouthTexasThunderbirdClub.com

South Texas Thunderbird Club (STTCJ, 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
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

As a member of the South Texas Thunderbird Club [STTCJ, 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 passive) 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.

member's signature: _____ date: _____

spouse's signature: _____ date: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SOUTH TEXAS THUNDERBIRD CLUB

mail application (with check) to: Danny Varella
27302 Park Loop Road
New Braunfels, TX 78132

for more club info, please contact:
Ray Clark rayclark07@att.net (210) 875-1411



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VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / PROVINCE _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: _____

YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____

Annual dues: \$55.00 United States and Canada, \$75.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries
January / February	\$55.00	\$75.00
March / April	\$50.00	\$70.00
May / June	\$50.00	\$70.00
July / August	\$95.00	\$140.00 includes next year
September / October	\$95.00	\$140.00 includes next year
November / December	\$95.00	\$140.00 includes next year

VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

(if different from above-please print) _____

Signature _____

Please make check payable & mail to:
Vintage Thunderbird Club International

P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.