

Thunderbird Repair & Restoration Shops ~ South Texas

Seymour's Garage Castle Hills 8411 Speedway Dr. (210) 341-1171 One of our STTC members has them servicing his 2005 Retrobird for a good number of years and he is very pleased with their service. <https://www.seymoursgarage.net/>

Hot Rod Garage in Boerne. Hot Rod Garage 35A Rust Lane Boerne, TX 830 336-4680. Owner is Maurice. Trust them. They do general mechanical repairs on classic cars, including 1955-2005 Tbirds! They know a lot about the Coil On Plug problems of the 2002-2005 Retro-Birds, having fixed that problem on Retrobirds. They have contributed funds to us and their ad appears in our newsletters the last couple of years. Brian & Marilyn Carron found this shop and subsequently recommended them. Excellent work and very, very clean shop. <https://www.hotrodgarageboerne.com/>

Bauman's Automotive off of Mainland in Leon Valley. (210) 775-6350. J.D. Cook runs the place. Very honest and dependable! There are four locations, so check for one near you. <http://www.alamocityautorepairandtires.com/location-baumannmain.html>

These companies have done repairs for Stan Andrews.

Potranco Automotive 12034 Potranco Road SATX 210-679-6620

<https://www.potrancoautomotive.com/>

Custom Refinishing 4798 FM 1343 Devine TX 830-665-5551

AAA Collision Center, Castroville, Alberto Rodriguez, Owner. 210-892-2901. 2065 Hiway 90W. Expertise in body, paint work & mechanical. Brian and Marilyn had extensive work done by AAA; great results. Very detailed oriented and meticulous. Gerry and Cheryl Busald had painting work performed there also and were also happy with the results.

A&E Automotive in New Braunfels. They state on their web site that they repair classic cars. Buddy Cox had his motor rebuilt there and was happy with the results. SERVICE: 830-629-4843, Owner Larry, James, Manager. <http://aeclassiccars.com/>

Blast From The Past Media Blasting. 18701 Interstate 35 N, Schertz, Texas, Owner, Stan Call (830) 625-5305. They have done media blasting and painting for me (Ray Clark) and Danny Varella and we have been satisfied with their work.

<https://www.facebook.com/schertzSandblasting/>

Ellers Auto Service & Transmission Repairs 7092 Eckhert Rd. Suite A 210-521-1699

<https://www.facebook.com/Ellerauto2017/>

Eric's Automotive, 5504 Bandera Rd, Suite 105 210-681-8891 found replacement cylinders to raise and lower a convertible's roof.

<https://eriksautomotive.com/>

Red McCombs Collision Center on 410, 210-256-5350, did some nice body repair. Keep in mind that if you are looking for new 2002-2005 Retrobird parts, provide the Parts staff at Ford and Lincoln dealerships the last 8 #'s of the Tbird VIN # and they can search the country for parts. <https://www.redmccombs.com/collision/>

JD's Paint & Body 702 S.W. Loop 410 @ HiWay 151 210-670-3778. JD's staff did the paint & body work on Tweety Bird.

Pena Bros. Upholstery Co. Automotive Interior Center, 5305 Bandera Rd., Rudy G. Pena, 210-647-4200. www.penbrosoautops.com, www.penabrostrim@yahoo.com

Renown Auto Restoration. 18811 FM 2252, San Antonio, TX. 78266. 210-590-6600. Brian & Marilyn used them to replace their Babybird upholstery and convertible top. Excellent and meticulous work. Brian & Marilyn as well as Gary Faught has had work performed here on their Babybirds. <https://www.renownauto.com>

Southwest Chrome Plating, Roberto Pulido, 9023 IH-10 East, Converse, TX, 210-658-8087. Email: swchrome@hotmail.com. Or call Pulido Plating, 972-296-2322, Email: puldogmc_72@hotmail.com. This is the company that did all the chrome plating on Tweety Bird! Al & Barb MacDonald and Brian & Marilyn, both got their bumpers re-chromed there as well. <http://www.pulidoplating.com>

Mander Automotive 14297 Old Bandera Rd Helotes TX 210-695-2255. <https://manderautomotiveservice.mechanicnet.com/>

Thunderbirds Southwest in La Grange. Information: (979) 249-4200. Website is: Lance does repairs & restoration work for Tbird owners across the world. Lance Herrington, Owner ~ Thunderbirds Southwest. <http://www.thunderbirdswest.com/>

Keep in mind that some Auto Repair shops have more business than they can handle. Some will no longer work on Tbirds of the early years because they do not want to tie up their bays with Thunderbirds they have to locate often hard to find parts for.

eBay Motors! You can enter your Tbird/Big Ford into My Garage and that will allow you to search for parts for that year of Tbird/Big Ford.

https://www.ebay.com/b/Auto-Parts-and-Vehicles/6000/bn_1865334

If you are looking for used OEM Tbird parts, or parts for any old car, you might consider making a trip to John's Salvage Company near Seguin. The local Pic-N-Pull no longer has a Classic Car section. Over the years, I have made trips to John's Salvage, and did again recently with Stan Andrews as we looked for parts for his 1978 Tbird and found them! This is a huge lot, with thousands of cars in it. On the front left, you will find most of the 1958-1966 Tbirds.

In the center section, we found 1977-1979 Tbirds to get parts off, not to mention many other FLM cars with similar parts on them. There are others scattered around this huge lot. You tell them what make and year of car you are looking for parts for and they will drive you to them. Expect a bumpy ride over dirt roads! They will have tools to take the parts off with, and do not charge for that work, just the parts. Here is their telephone number, 830-379-2092, and their website, including the map on how to get there. <https://www.johnssalvagecompany.net>