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SAN ANTONIO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB
NEWSLETTER

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Summer is on the way!

Love the Sun?

Sun City, TX 78628
Sunrise, TX 78628
Sunset, TX 76270
Rainbow, TX 76077
Sundown, TX 79372
Sunray, TX 79086
Sunny Side, TX 77423

DON'T FORGET

**Business Meeting at
Morningside Manor
Babcock Road**

**Saturday
June 12, 2010**

**9:30a.m.
Breakfast tacos served
Lunch will be provided**

**11:00—3:00p.m.
Cars on Display**

Come for a fun day!!

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SACTC is throwing a Party!

Honoring our Octogenarians
John Kennedy
Lou & Cora Mauldin
Ken & Troy Rowe

RSVP IS A MUST

Friday, May 21st
Starting 5:00p.m. @
Andy & Mary Lou Hoesktra's
3203 Quakertown

Call Nelle @ 830-899-6644



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Ken Rowe

This is my first column for this year. When we started the year, we did not have an editor for the newsletter. I hated that we did not have one, but I did enjoy the thought that a column would not be needed from me. Then, like the champion that she is, Cheryl Meynig came forward and volunteered to be our editor. Cheryl, I could just hug and kiss you for serving the club, but Don is so big. But do know your efforts are appreciated.

Everyone, make sure to attend the June 12th meeting to be held at Morningside Manor on Babcock Road. Be there by 9:30a.m. Morningside Manor has graciously offered to serve Tacos for breakfast and lunch at noon. Be sure to drive your bird or any Classic you might have to showoff at the car show. We have always enjoyed ourselves at this outing and they treat us royally. I hope to see everyone there.

We had a terrible thing happen at the May meeting. Buzz said he was resigning as tour director due to lack of participation. Buss, without a doubt, is the best tour director in all of car clubs. I understand where Buzz is coming from. He puts in a lot of time, money, and effort into his cruises. He makes the tour run by himself to set up things, like midway stops and interesting things to see or visit and makes reservations for lunch. Then, when participation is meager, a person can't help but feel time is wasted. The club owes Buss a big debt of gratitude. Buzz, I thank you for all you have done.

I did not accept Buzz's resignation, but I don't know if that counts according to Roberts Rules of Order!

MAY MINUTES

President Ken Rowe called the May 8 meeting of the San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club to order at 9:18.

There were no new members or guests.

A motion was made by George Kiolbassa and seconded by Mark Griffin to approve the April minutes.

Troy Rowe gave the financial report. We had \$\$\$\$ in our treasury. A motion to accept the report was made by George Kiolbassa and seconded by David Sustman.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized.

Old Business:

Our new newsletter is a great success and it was agreed by all to congratulate Cheryl on a job well done.

Buzz gave a report on the events in April and early May. April 10 - flower run to Cuero, April 23 - flower run to Willow City Loop, and May 1 - Alamo Area Council of Car Clubs 21st Annual Classic Cruise Along the Corridor.

Buzz also resigned as Tour Director of the San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club. He had told the membership if we couldn't muster 10 cars for the Cruise Along the Corridor we didn't need a tour director. We had 4 cars and Buzz resigned.

New Business:

John Kennedy gave a report on the car show at Morning Side Manor on June 12. This will also be our June meeting. All are encouraged to bring their cars. We will meet at 9:30 for tacos and the cars will be on display from 11:00 to 3:00.

Wednesday at Chester's it was discussed to have a party for our senior members. It was decided at the meeting to have the party Friday, May 21 at Andy and Mary Lou's home. The club will furnish the meat and a cake. Members will bring a pot luck dish. If you are going to attend you must RSVP. A motion was made by Buzz Durio and Seconded by Harvey Jenkins to have the party.

Nelle Jenkins talked about the club going on the Austin Train Ride some Saturday in September.

Neil suggested that we move our meeting time to 8:00 for breakfast and club meeting at 9:00 . A change in time will give us more time to do a run after the meeting and be

May Minutes (continued)

hungry for lunch. A motion was made by Buzz Durio and seconded by George Kiolbassa to start the new time in July. The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George Kiolbassa and seconded by Buzz Durio. The meeting ended at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Murphy

**Elaine Stephens
President
La Vernia Historical Association**

For the fifth year in a row, the La Vernia Heritage Museum was a hospitality stop for the Alamo Area Cruise Along the Corridor. Fourteen car clubs toured through South Texas communities such as Elmendorf, Floresville, La Vernia, Sutherland Springs, Seguin, Gonzales and Luling. The La Vernia Heritage Museum welcomed 100 visitors and 50 cars.

Museum volunteers prepared homemade cookies and offered juices, fresh coffee and water to the travelers who were enjoying perfect weather to cruise in their beautiful vintage cars.

“This is a really nice little museum!” said one of the visitors. “I was excited to get to stop here. I’ve always thought this building looked interesting.”

The La Vernia Historical Association, who operates the La Vernia Heritage Museum, appreciates the help of many volunteers who made the hospitality stop a lively place for the special visitors.

The Car Clubs in the cruise included: SA Mustang Club, Oldsmobile Club, Alamo MG Assn., Austin Healey Club, AACA, Packard Club, ACHCC, Mopar Club, AMA Club, SACTC Club, Alamo MG Assn., Off Site Starts, Wilson County Car Club and the Early Ford V8’s.

Our special thanks to Buzz Durio, Chairman of the Classic Car Cruise Along the Corridor, who does a great job of coordinating this event!

EVENTS CALENDAR 2010

Every Friday Night

- **San Antonio, TX** Biff Busby's IH-35 N @ Toepperwein Road
- **Sattler, TX**, Cruise In at Fox Pizza/Movies & Music Store
1482 FM 2673. Contact: Larry Read at (830) 964-5505
- **Seguin, TX**, at Kirby Korner on TX 123 Bypass South
Contact: Sherry Dawson at (830) 305-4570 metro
- **Kerrville, TX**, at Culvers Restaurant, 1300 Junction Highway

2nd Friday Night

- **Castroville, TX**, at Wommack Chevrolet on Highway 90

Every Saturday Night

- **New Braunfels, TX**, at TJ's Burgers, 263 Loop 337
Contact: Sherry Dawson at (830) 305-4570

Every 3rd Saturday Night

- **San Antonio, TX**
Cruise Night at the Rim, 17907 IH 10 West, Exit 554
Presented by the San Antonio Mustang Club
- **Austin, TX**, Cruise Night at Albertsons, Oak Hill, at the
Y of 71 & 290.
Contact: Jim Greene at (512) 288-0283 or (512) 462-9855 days

EVENTS AND CAR SHOWS

May 22nd [Comfort, TX](#)

Cruise In Comfort, in the Park. Presented by Bluff Creek Classic Cars. POC: Jeffrey (830) 634-2424

May 22nd-23rd [San Antonio TX](#)

American Hot Rod Association Reunion Tour at San Antonio Raceway
Contact: (210) 698-2310 or (830) 914-4646 or
Sanantonioraceway.com

May 30th [San Antonio, TX](#)

Rods & Classics Auto Sway Meet at the Pig Stand

<i>June 2010</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>			



Ken Oxenrider's 57 T-Bird

The Case of the Runaway Money; by Kenny O.

It all started on a cool November Sunday. I was sitting in my favorite easy chair, reading the "Drive" section of the Express News, when an ad in the Antique/Classic column caught my eye.

I'd been dreaming of owning an Early Bird, especially a 57, for years. A guy with the initials N.J. let me sit in his red 57; "I was hooked."

After a call to the number in the ad, and a quick trip to Poth, the 57 was delivered to my driveway, a couple days later. Of course, my savings account at the bank was depleted by the tune of 17 grand, not much left to work with, but it was mine.

I gingerly drove the car twice, short bits, and after noting many, many things that needed my attention, I tore the car down to the skeleton. I handled the body work and general mechanics. Miller Machine was assigned the duties of rebuilding the engine, and Kosub Transmission overhauled the transmission and torque converter. After many mail orders to Larry's Thunderbird in California, a trip to the Street Rod Nationals where I purchased 5 wide whites, three "3" unsuccessful paint jobs, one by so called pros, I did the final one myself, many Credit card bills over a thousand a month, the car was slowly coming together. It's been over five "5" years and over 13 grand and it still graces a stall in my garage waiting for the final touches such as, front end alignment, door seal installation, rear stabilizer bar installation, hot valve adjustment, dash light wiring, distributor timing, a/c charging, etc,etc. But there is light at both ends of the Bird.

Ken's story continues.....

The local automotive parts stores enjoyed my many visits, and contributions to their tills along the way, and supplied the locally available products needed. S.A. Clutch and Brake handled the rear spring re-arching and some of the brake drum work.

The car was a very spider webbed dark metallic blue when I purchased it. Now it is Flame Red w/White top. The red interior remains with a few pieces re-furbished.

Most everything is either new, rebuilt or refurbished on, in and under the car, now I think the owner "me" could use the same treatment.

Months of back pain and physical therapy, on a recurring basis, slowed the process as did the failed paint jobs which were serious set backs in the building process.

Anyone who has ever attempted to rebuilding an early bird will tell You, it ain't easy rebuilding a car nearly fifty years old when you're in your sixties, with back problems.

Thanks to Andy and John for their help with the front end bushings and their knowledge and expertise. They told me where to go, and I did it anyway.

Some guys never learn to leave well enough alone. My next project, a 37 Ford Club Coupe, is sitting in the other stall in my garage for over a year, and awaits its turn for new life, this time an all Ford Street Rod.

Happy T-Birding to all my Early Bird Friends
Ken



THE CO-PILOT'S PAGE

June Birthdays

05 John Murphy
08 Sam Brummitt
10 Steven Pinkerton
13 Jackie Johnston
14 Betty Schwartz
15 Phil Stephens
17 Glen Hall
22 Del Boyd
29 Bill Massey

June Anniversaries

01 C.E. & Del Boyd
13 John & Helen Murphy
29 Neal & Jackie Johnston

RECIPE OF THE MONTH—Luby's Recipe Collection

An old Southern Tradition **FRIED GREEN TOMATOES**

2 Cups all purpose flour	2 1/2 cups Fine saltine cracker crumbs
1 1/2 Cups water	Vegetable oil
1 T. seasoned salt	
6 medium green tomatoes cut into 1/4 inch slices	

1. In shallow bowl, whisk together flour, water, and salt until smooth. Place crumbs in separate shallow bowl. Dip tomatoes into flour mixture, then into crumbs, coating evenly.

2. In large skillet, heat about 1/8 inch oil. Add tomatoes and cook 2 minutes on each side or until golden brown, turning once. 8 servings



**Willow City Loop
Drive**

**The day was beautiful
& wildflowers were
spectacular!**

Joyce Sustman

**B. B. B.
Bald, Beautiful,
and Bluebonnets**

