

San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club



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NATIONAL HEART MONTH



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Michelle Griffin

I want everyone to know I'm really excited about the club this year. We are going to try some new places to eat and add some more driving activities. I want us to drive our cars more this year. I want members to suggest new activities and places to drive. I'm going to get some cards made up so we can hand them out to people interested in our club.

John Murphy is getting our web page set up. The new web site is tbirdsa.com. A special thanks to Neal Johnston for letting us use his server. We have a Facebook page too. It is San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club. Please add your pictures and comments.

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Joke of the Month

As the crowded elevator descended, Mrs. Wilson became increasingly furious with her husband, who was delighted to be pressed against a gorgeous blonde.

As the elevator stopped at the main floor, the blonde suddenly whirled, slapped Mr. Wilson, and said, "That will teach you to pinch!"

Bewildered, Mr. Wilson was halfway to the parking lot with his wife when he choked, "I... I... didn't pinch that girl."

"Of course you didn't," said his wife, consolingly. "I did."

February 2011

Schedule of Events

- 2/12 Club Meeting /Jim's Rest. 8:30am
- Lunch run following meeting. Details pending
- 2/14 Valentines Day
- 2/23 Luciano's Italian Restaurant, 281 N & Evans Road

BIRTHDAY'S



- 05 Carroll Putnam
- 07 Norm Brinkmeyer
- 09 Linda Kennemer
- 19 Troy Rowe



ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 George & Lillian Kiobassa
- 10 Truman & Linda Kennemer
- 13 Mark & Michelle Griffin

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Club Mtg
13	14 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Luciano's	24	25	26
27	28					

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March 16th**—St. Patrick's party at the Lion and Rose at 410 and Blanco.
- **May 7th, 2011**—The Alamo Area Council of Car Clubs will host their 22nd Annual Classic Car Cruise

JANUARY 2011



President Michelle Griffin called the Jan. 8th meeting of the San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club to order at 8:50.

Guests and New Members: Welcome Frances and Don Booker, our new members.

Minutes: A motion was made by Cora Maulden and seconded by Nelle Jenkins to approve the December minutes.

Financial Report: Troy Rowe gave the financial report. A motion to accept the report was made by Nelle Jenkins and seconded by John Kennedy.

January birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

Old Business: Nelle Jenkins passed out Calendars to members who were not at the last meeting. Nelle also read a thank you note from the Christmas parade in Satler. We plan on doing the parade again next year: December 10, 2011.

New Business: The club discussed giving a door prize (\$10 gift card) at each meeting. A motion to give the door prize was made by Mark Griffin and seconded by Ken Rowe.

Also discussed was the updating of our website SACTC.COM, checking Facebook SACTC for pictures, and printing business cards to give to new members.

Wednesday nights we will still meet at Chester's.

March 16 we will have a St. Patrick's party at the Lion and Rose at 410 and Blanco.

Buzz reminded everyone that our 4th Wednesday night out for January will be at Clear Springs.

Remember the meetings start at 8:30 on the first Saturday!

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Neil Johnston and seconded by Andy Hoekstra. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Murphy



Final 2010 TSA statistics on airport body screening from the U. S. Department of Homeland Security:

Terrorist Plots Discovered - 0

Transvestites - 133

Hernias - 1,485

Hemorrhoid Cases - 3,172

Enlarged Prostates - 8,249

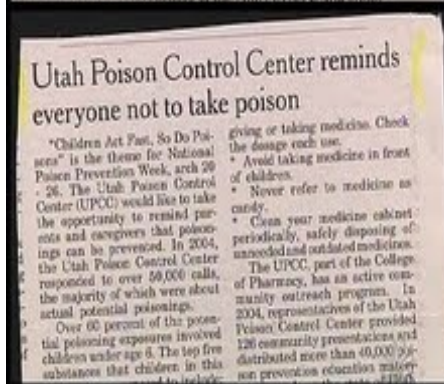
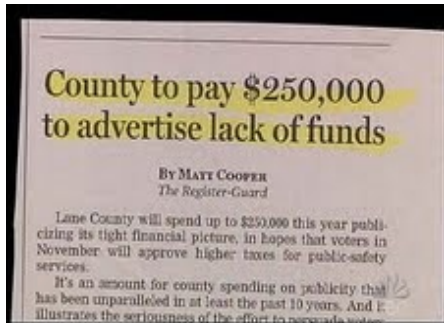
Breast Implants - 59,350

Natural Blonds - 3

Submitted by Neal Johnston

“YOU JUST CAN'T FIX STUPID”

Submitted by Don Meynig





Why do we celebrate Valentine's Day?

We celebrate Valentine's Day, because until 1969, it was one of the many Saint's Days observed by the Catholic Church. It was dedicated to the patron saint of romantic causes, St. Valentine.

Although it was removed from the Church's calendar in 1969, the religious meaning coupled with Valentine's Day's roots in Roman paganism have allowed it to continue as a holiday for everyone.

Early Christians saw Valentine's Day as a way to honor St. Valentine, of whom there were actually three. The Catholic Church recognizes three saints by that name, all who were martyred on February 14.

St. Valentine the day is named for, most likely, a priest in the 3rd century who performed secret marriages when the Roman Emperor Claudius II thought single soldiers were more likely to enlist in the army. That St. Valentine was imprisoned and executed on February 4, 270. It is believed he was responsible for giving the jailer's blind daughter back her eyesight, and before his execution, he sent her a note saying, "From your Valentine." The phrase is still widely used on valentines today.

It wasn't until 1537 that St. Valentine's Day was declared an official holiday. England's King Henry VIII, known for his ways of disposing of wives, declared February 14th a holiday. It was another century and a half before religious devotional cards became non-religious cards to reflect the change in the holiday.

In 496 A.D., February 14th, was declared in the name of St. Valentine by Pope Gelasius. It remained a Church holiday until 1969, when Pope Paul VI took it from the calendar.



On February 14, the ancient Romans celebrated the Feast of Lupercalia in honor of Juno, the queen of the Roman gods and goddesses. Juno was also the goddess of women and marriage so honoring her was thought to be a fertility rite.

At the feast held the next day, the women would write love letters and stick them in a large urn. The men would pick a letter from the urn and for the next year, pursue the woman who wrote the chosen letter. This custom lasted until the 1700s when people decided their beloveds should be chosen by sight, not luck.





TECHNICAL TIDBITS

Items of Interest Taken From “Old Cars Weekly” Submitted by Bob Baker

Ethanol stripped Mercury’s paint

In response to Wayne Bates’ letter concerning gasoline peeling paint from his Skyliner, I have had this happen on two occasions some 12 or 15 years ago. In both instances, the problem occurred around the time ethanol was introduced in Minnesota.

The first time it happened when I filled the tank of my 1951 Mercury convertible and put it in storage in October. Afterward, we got an unusually warm spell and gas seeped out and ran down the side, stripping the paint off. The insurance company paid a claim of less than \$1,000 without even looking at the car. A year or so later, I filled the tank on my 1951 Mercury coupe and it sat out in the sun with the same results. This time the insurance company questioned it until understanding it was a different Mercury. Both times, the paint seemed to have been stripped because the seeping fuel kept the paint continuously wet. I no longer completely fill the tank. Larry Suhsen, Delano, Minnesota

Note: If this occurs, rinse off with water immediately. If no water available, use windshield washer squeegee and fluid at gas station to neutralize it. Once home, use soap and water.

The secret: Don’t fill the tank!

I had the same fuel-related surprise as Mr. Bates about a year ago. I filled my 1948 Chrysler’s tank and put her to bed to wait until our next outing. When I pulled the car cover off, I almost screamed. Bare metal was visible from the filler neck and down the fender, and there was a pile of paint on the floor. Needless to say, I do not top the car off anymore and have replaced all of the fuel system rubber parts with components of a modern material.

The rear fenders had a few dings anyway, so this was the time to pull them and refinish them with modern fuel-proof paint. R. W. Reynolds, Naples, Florida

Note: Bob Baker experienced this on his Thunderbird Blue T-Bird. It cost him a few hundred dollars to repair.

HEART ATTACK WARNING SIGNS—CHEST DISCOMFORT

Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

DISCOMFORT IN OTHER AREAS OF THE UPPER BODY

Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

SHORTNESS OF BREATH with or without chest discomfort.

OTHER SIGNS may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

STROKE WARNING SIGNS

- SUDDEN NUMBNESS OR WEAKNESS OF THE FACE, ARM OR LEG, ESPECIALLY ON ONE SIDE OF THE BODY.
- CONFUSION, TROUBLE SPEAKING OR UNDERSTANDING
- TROUBLE SEEING IN ONE OR BOTH EYES
- TROUBLE WALKING, DIZZINESS, LOSS OF BALANCE OR COORDINATION
- SEVERE HEADACHE WITH NO KNOWN CAUSE
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CARDIAC ARREST WARNING SIGNS

- SUDDEN LOSS OF RESPONSIVENESS. No response to tapping on shoulders.
- NO NORMAL BREATHING
- The victim does not take a normal breath when you tilt the head up and check for at least five seconds.

CALL 911

2011 Classic Thunderbird Calendar (FYI)

In the January 2011 Bay Area Classic Thunderbird Club's "What's New in Bird-Land?" issue, I noticed they are selling their 2011 Mission Birds Calendar. This is their 5th year. The calendars cost \$16.00 each and can be obtained by calling Lisa Perry at (925) 837-4740 or you can order on the web at <http://www.tbirdcalendar.org>.



Puns for Educated Minds

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in linoleum blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.



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CARS OF THE FUTURE?????

