

# San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club



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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Michelle Griffin

I can't believe March is here. We have lots of events planned. The website is up now, yeah. Our new website is **tbirdsa.com**. John Murphy is doing a great job getting this up to date for us. It still needs some work. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas please let John know. Thanks to Neal for letting us use his server. We also have a **Facebook** page. It is San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club. We have lots of great pictures on this. This is an easy way for us to post pictures and talk about our events. Please check it out. Buzz is working on the new club business cards. We have had new members at the last two meetings. It's nice to see enthusiasm in the club and the club growing.

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### CAN YOU HELP???

Debbie Jones has always wanted a recreation of the original factory invoice for her '55 Tbird. However, while reading the CTCI quarterly magazine, Early Bird, it states the American Road Thunderbird Club has all '56 and '57 invoices and some '55 invoices -- from Serial No.

232214 on. Debbie's serial number is prior to the number listed. Does anyone know why they CANNOT recreate the factory invoice?

THANKS!  
 Debbie

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Lion & Rose		18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Calendar of Events

- 3/12 Club Meeting /Jim's Rest. 8:30am
- 3/16 St. Patrick's Day Party @ Lion & Rose—410/Blanco Road, 6:00p.m.

### BIRTHDAY'S



- 01 Jo Keith
- 05 Waymond Davis
- 20 Martin Clausewitz
- 21 Joyce Sustman
- 22 Lou Maulden
- 23 Gale Punam
- 24 David Sustman
- 25 George Kiolbassa
- 25 Michelle Griffin
- 29 Nancy Clausewitz



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Debbie & Sonny Jones
- 18 Ken & Troy Rowe
- 24 Art & Jo Keith
- 27 Martin & Nancy Clausewitz

Comment made in 1955

**When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon.**

**Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.'**

Those were the good ole days!





## FEBRUARY MINUTES

President Michelle Griffin called the Feb. 12th meeting of the San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club to order at 8:40.

**Guests and New Members:** We had no guest or new members.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Ted Lee and seconded by Buzz Durio to approve the January Minutes.

**Financial Report:** Troy Rowe gave the financial report. A motion to accept the report was made by Buzz and seconded by Ted Lee.

February Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

**Sick Call:** Glenn Hall fell on the ice, but is doing fine.

**Old Business:** No old business this month.

**New Business:** Michelle passed out a survey to find out what type of activities the club would like to do. Nelle Jenkins also discussed some activities that the club might be interested in participating.

Buzz Durio won the first door prize --- and reports that he has yet to receive it.

John Murphy will be working on updating our website [WWW.TBIRDSA.COM](http://WWW.TBIRDSA.COM).  
Buzz will check on having business cards made for the group.

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

Remember the meetings start at 8:30 on the second Saturday.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Neal Johnson and seconded by Nelle Jenkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Murphy

**The club website is back online** --- but with a new name! Our old domain name, sactc.com, is now owned by a company in Japan, so we had to pick a new name. Michelle came up with the clever idea of trying to find a name that might just occur to someone looking for a classic Thunderbird club in San Antonio --- so the name is now www.tbirdsa.com. Note that there is just one 's' in that! If you need a memory crutch, think of Tbird San Antonio (or Tbirds Anonymous). Even after typing that dozens of times during the test and validation of the site, I still usually type "S-A-backspace-backspace-T-B-I-R-D-S-A"!

The "look and feel" of the site, and most of the many hours that Neal spent building ever, things are much different. I've rewritten generated code that makes the thing understanding of how it works, and to speed especially for those who may not have the Internet. I've also designed the site to be able to maintain --- adding newsletters, tech enough that I'll have no excuse not to do it of adding stuff, I've added several years a few "new" Tech Tips. I've also validated all the Cool Links, and removed the ones that no longer work.



the content, is the result of all the old site. Internally, however, by hand, most of the maintenance, both to aid my own un-up the loading of pages --- fastest connection to the wire as little effort as possible, etc. should be easy in a timely manner. Speaking worth of old newsletters, and

There's still much work to be done, but the site is open for business. I've tested it with several different browsers, on a couple of different operating systems, and with various screen sizes --- but everyone's system is a little different, so let me know if anything doesn't seem to work on your machine. Comments, criticisms, suggestions, complaints, etc., are welcome. I reserve the right to ignore all of that, but I will read anything sent to me.!

Give it a look: <http://www.tbirdsa.com>

Murf

### **Subject: The Bayou Boys**

Boudreaux and T-Claude are walking down the street in New Orleans and they see a sign on a store window which reads, "Suits \$5.00 each, shirts \$2.00 each, and pants \$2.50 each."

Boudreaux says to his pal, "T-Claude, Mai, Cher, Look here, we could buy a whole gob of these, take 'em back to Thibodaux, sell 'em to our friends, and make a fortune. Just let me do the talkin' 'cause if they hear your accent, they might think we're ignorant, and not wanna sell that stuff to us. Now, I'll talk in a slow New Orleans yatch drawl so's they don't know we is from Thibodaux ."

They go in and Boudreaux says with his best fake New Orleans ' accent, "I'll take 50 of dem suits at \$5.00 each, 100 of dem there shirts at \$2.00 each, 50 pairs of dem there pants at \$2.50 each. I'll back up my pickup and...."

The owner of the shop interrupts, "Ya'll from Thibodaux , ain't ya?"

"Well...yeah," says a surprised Boudreaux...."How come you knowed dat?"

"Because this is a Dry-Cleaners."

Submitted by Nelle Jenkins



## **EVER WONDER where we are headed...**

- 1) Why the sun lightens our hair but darkens our skin?
- 2) Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- 3) Why you don't ever see the headline: "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- 4) Why "abbreviated" is such a long word?
- 5) Why Doctors call what they do "practice"?
- 6) Why you have to click on "Start" to stop Windows 98?
- 7) Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, while dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?
- 8) Why the man who invests all your money is called a "Broker"?
- 9) Why there isn't mouse flavored cat food?
- 10) Who tastes dog food when it has a "new & improved" flavor?
- 11) Why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitoes?
- 12) Why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- 13) Why they don't make the whole plane out of the material used for the indestructible black box?
- 14) Why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- 15) If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?
- 16) Why they call the airport "the terminal" if flying is so safe?
- 17) On a bag of Chips: You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.  
(The shoplifter special?)



Submitted by Nelle Jenkins

### Still Rambling

We had a fun run after our February meeting . As usual, Buzz took us on the backroads to our destination which was the mighty city of Comfort. Making the run was Andy and Mary Lou Hoekstra, Harvey and Nelle Jenkins, John and Helen Murphy, Ronnbe and Laura Bitterly, John Kennedy and me. There was a lot of activity going on in Comfort. People going in and out of the many antique shops . Several with purchases. But Some of us witnessed something there that really surprised us. Helen was in and out of shops and DID NOT make a single purchase. I understand that she really tried. The city of Comfort might make that a national holiday as a result. You know "the day that Helen came to town and did not buy a thing." We had a nice lunch break a the Cypress Creek Inn. It is sort of home style and the food was delicious. After lunch, Andy led us out of town and on the way back to San Antonio. Andy took us up a high hill that gave us a great view of the countryside. When we got back on 281 it was everyone for themselves. The only problem I had was acknowledging the people honking and giving me the thumbs up sign as they recognized the beauty of Ole Bronze, who incidentally, made the trip to Comfort and back to San Antonio on all four tires with air in them the whole time. Two classic birds, three new birds and one Chrysler were our means of transportation. Everyone had a good time. We just wish more took advantage of these little jaunts. Maybe next time.

Submitted by Ken Rowe

### AN EASY TO INSTALL HOME SECURITY SYSTEM

1. Go to a secondhand store and buy a pair of men's used work boots, size 14-16.
2. Place them on your front porch, along with a copy of Guns & Ammo Magazine.
3. Put four giant dog dishes next to the boots and magazines.
4. Leave a note on your door that reads:

"Bubba;

Bertha, Duke, Slim, & I went for more ammo and beer. Be back in an hour.

Don't mess with the pit bulls; they attacked the mailman this morning and chewed him up bad. I don't think Killer took part, but it was hard to tell from all the blood. Anyway, I locked all four of 'em in the house.

Better wait outside. Be right back.

"Cooter"

Submitted by Neal Johnston





# 2011 CTCI Region 5 Convention

## "Midlands Gold", August 24-28

### La Vista (Omaha), Nebraska



*"Midlands Gold"*, the 2011 CTCI Region 5 Convention, hosted by the Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club, will be held at the Embassy Suites Omaha-LaVista Hotel and Conference Center, La Vista, NE August 24-28, 2011. Two hotels are part of the Center and will be available for the convention. The Embassy Suites hotel rate is \$119 per night which includes a two room suite, a daily hot buffet breakfast, and a nightly manager's cocktail reception. The Marriott Courtyard Hotel which is located on the opposite end of the Conference Center will also be available for \$89 per night. The Embassy Suites Omaha-La Vista Hotel and Conference Center is conveniently located just off I-80 at exit #442 and is part of the new Southport business development. Several types of restaurants are located within walking distance and the hotels provide shuttle service to shopping.

*"Midlands Gold"* will be a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of CTCI's founding. In addition to the judges' seminar, concours d'elegance, and awards banquet, the agenda includes a welcome reception, dessert social, a bus tour to the Durham Museum with lunch in the downtown Old Market, evening casino bus, and the T-Bird driving tour to the Strategic Air and Space Museum.

A private tour of Speedway Motors' Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, NE has also been arranged for 8 a.m. Thursday August 25. The museum has the world's largest collection of vintage to exotic racing engines and speed equipment. For tour details and reservations contact Bill Phelps (TX) at [billususi@swbell.net](mailto:billususi@swbell.net) or 972-247-7636. See also [www.museumofamericanspeed.com](http://www.museumofamericanspeed.com).



**Deadline to avoid late registration fees and concours deadline is July 25, 2011.** For information contact: Martin Bierman, event chairman, or Mary Lou Bierman, registration chairperson, at 402-289-4516; email at: [nefron1@cox.net](mailto:nefron1@cox.net). Registration form and links for online Embassy Suites and Marriott hotel reservations are on the club website [www.nebraskalandtbirds.org](http://www.nebraskalandtbirds.org) Use Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club as group name for phone reservations to obtain the convention rate. Hotel information: Embassy Suites Omaha-La Vista Hotel & Conference Center, 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, Nebraska 68128-2198. Phone: (402) 331-7400; Fax (402) 331-7401.

(Sponsored in part by the Sarpy County Visitors Committee)

## **EVENTS CALENDAR 2011**

### **Cruise Nite's**

#### **Every Friday Night**

San Antonio, Biff Busby's IH-35 N @ Toepperwein Rd

Sattler, TX Cruise In at Fox Pizza / Movies & Music Store  
1482 FM 2673 contact: Larry Read 830-964-5505

Seguin, TX, at Kirby Korner on TX123 Bypass South  
Contact: Sherry Dawson 830-305-4570 metro

Kerrville, TX , at Culvers Restaurant, 1300 Junction Hwy

#### **2nd Friday night**

Castroville, TX, at Wommack Chevrolet on Hwy 90

#### **Every Saturday Night**

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

#### **Every Third 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 512-288-0283 or 512-462-9855 Days

#### **Last Saturday of Each Month**

San Antonio, TX Cars & Coffee, 8:30AM to 9:30 + AM  
Panera Bread, 1604 at Blanco Rd

### **Events and Car Shows**

#### **March 4th** Seguin, TX

Friday Night Cruise In at Kirby's Korner  
606 N Hwy 123 Bypass  
Contact: Sherry Dawson 830-305-4570

#### **March 5th** Spring Branch, TX

Early Bird Cruise In at Fischers Store - McDonalds  
7765 N US 281 at the Guadalupe River Crossing  
Contact: Darwin 830-438-3493



**March 11th** San Antonio, TX  
Monthly Meeting Alamo Area Council Of Car Clubs 7:00 PM  
8700 Tesoro Dr, AACOG Classroom #6  
Contact: Buzz Durio, [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**Mar 11th** Castroville, TX  
Friday Night Fever Cruise In at Wommack Automotive  
1955 Hwy 90 E  
Contact: Linda Wilson 830-931-2479 days

**Mar 12th** San Marcos, TX  
Concours d' Tejas Car Show at DicksClassic Garage  
featuring Auburn-Cord-Duesenburg Club, Texas Region meet  
512-8782406

**Mar 18-20** San Antonio, TX  
South Texas Classic Car Show  
Joe Freeman Exposition Hall  
Contact: Tim Burchmiller 210-832-8444 ext 209

**Mar 24-26** Llano, TX  
7th Annual Texas Spur Jeep Jamboree  
530-333-4777 or [www.jeeppjamboreeusa.com](http://www.jeeppjamboreeusa.com)

**Mar 26th** Natalia, TX  
Bluebonnet Festival Charity Open Car Show & Parade  
For info call City of Natalia 830-663-2926

**Mar 27th** Castroville, TX  
Medina County Relay for Life Car Show  
Wommack Chevrolet, 1955 Hwy 90E to benefit American Cancer Soc  
Contact: Ira Giddens 210-508-9037

**Apr 1st** Seguin, TX  
Friday Night Cruise in at Kirby Korner, S 123 Bypass  
Contact: Sherry Dawson 830-305-4570

**Apr 2nd** Boerne, TX  
Lester's Automotive Fourth Annual Open Car Show  
32128A IH-10 (Exit 543)  
Info: Bob Perkins 830-249-2501 or Dave Depriest 210-241-0277

**Apr 14th** San Antonio, TX  
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8700 Tesoro Dr, AACOG Classroom #6  
Contact: Buzz Durio, [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**Apr 15-17** Boerne, TX

Texas Corvette Association's 19th Annual Open Car Show  
Car Show on Saturday on the Main Square  
Call: 830-226-5386

**Apr 22-24** New Braunfels, TX

New Braunfels Area Car Club 19th Annual Swap Meet & Car Show  
Comal County Fair Grounds, 801 E Commons St  
Swap Meet Info: 830-620-5950

**Apr 30th** San Marcos, TX

San Marcos CFPO-Pal Car Show & Swap Meet  
333 S. Reimer Ave  
Contact: Leonard or Margaret at 210-213-9962

**May 7th** San Antonio, TX

22nd Annual Classic Cruise Along The Corridor  
Start at Tri Point YMCA at 281 and St Marys parking lot  
Starting time 8:00AM  
Contact Buzz Durio via e-mail: [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**May 12th** San Antonio, TX

Monthly Meeting Alamo Area Council Of Car Clubs 7:00 PM  
8700 Tesoro Dr, AACOG Classroom #6  
Contact: Buzz Durio, [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**May 15th** San Antonio, TX

Spring Open Car Show  
Texas Bowties -First Generation Camaro Club  
at Ancira Winton Chevrolet, 6111 Bandera Rd

**Jun 9th** San Antonio, TX

Monthly Meeting Alamo Area Council Of Car Clubs 7:00 PM  
8700 Tesoro Dr, AACOG Classroom #6  
Contact: Buzz Durio, [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**Jun 11th** San Antonio, TX

Audie Murphy Hospital 8th Annual Car Show  
Hospital Parking Lot, 7400 Merton Minter Blvd  
Call 210-315-6250 for more info.

**Jun 25th** Bandera, TX

Riverfest Car Show and Swap Meet  
Bandera City Park, 1102 Maple St  
Call 830-796-4447 for more info.

**Jul 14th** San Antonio, TX

Monthly Meeting Alamo Area Council Of Car Clubs 7:00PM  
8700 Tesoro Dr, AACOG Classroom #6, Contact: Buzz Durio, [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**Aug 11th** San Antonio, TX

Monthly Meeting Alamo Area Council Of Car Clubs 7:00 PM  
8700 Tesoro Dr, AACOG Classroom #6  
Contact: Buzz Durio, [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**Sep 8th** San Antonio, TX

Monthly Meeting Alamo Area Council Of Car Clubs 7:00PM  
8700 Tesoro Dr, AACOG Classroom #6  
Contact: Buzz Durio, [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**Oct 1st** Seguin, TX

7th Annual Car Club Picnic  
This event is for all AACOCC member clubs  
Nolte Island Recreation Area  
Contact: Buzz Durio via e-mail: [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**Oct 8-9th** Boerne, TX

24th Annual Key to the Hills Rod Run, downtown for pre 49 vehicles  
Sponsored by Pride of Texas Street Rods.  
Contact Lanne-Patsy Brehmer 210-698-3062 ext 10, days or evening  
830-816-2221 or e-mail: [lanne@lebcographics.com](mailto:lanne@lebcographics.com)

**Oct 13th** San Antonio, TX

Alamo Area Council of Car Clubs MEETING 7:00PM  
8700 Tesoro Dr, AACOG Classroom #6  
Contact: Buzz Durio, [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**Oct 15th** San Antonio, TX

Eleventh Annual Scenic Hills Cruise sponsored by AACOCC  
Starting Point is the Rim Shopping Center, 17907 IH 10 West exit 554  
Contact: Buzz Durio 210-213-1984 or [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)

**Oct 23rd** San Antonio, TX

30th Annual Charity Open Car Show  
Sponsored by the San Antonio Mustang Club at Bass Pro Shops  
17909 IH-10 West, exit 554, contact Darr Keim 210-265-9653  
[www.samustang.com](http://www.samustang.com)

**Nov 10th** San Antonio, TX

Monthly Meeting Alamo Area Council Of Car Clubs 7:00PM  
8700 Tesoro Dr, AACOG Classroom #6  
Contact: Buzz Durio, [buzzdurio@satx.rr.com](mailto:buzzdurio@satx.rr.com)



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## **Food for Thought**



**Happiness is as a butterfly,  
which, when pursued, is al-  
ways beyond our grasp, but  
which, if you will sit down  
quietly, may alight upon you.**

**~ Hawthorne**

**You can tell you are grow-  
ing older when....**

- You get winded playing checkers.
- Your children begin to look middle-aged.
- You look forward to a dull evening.
- You know all the answers, but nobody's asking the questions.
- You join the health club—and don't go.
- You sit in a rock chair and can't get it going.
- Your knees buckle, and your belt won't.
- You burn the midnight oil at 9:00p.m.
- Dialing long distance wears you out.
- Your back goes out more often than you do.
- The little gray-haired lady you help across the street is your wife.
- You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine cabinet.
- You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.