

San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club



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DECEMBER 2011



Here is some wonderful news!

Hello Everyone!

Just wanted to give you an update on my dad, (Dave Sustman). He is doing WONDERFUL!! He was released from the rehabilitation center on Wednesday, November 23rd. Each day you can see he is getting stronger. He will continue to go for outpatient therapy for several weeks. He has not had to use any oxygen since my last update.

He is very grateful for all your thoughts and prayers and wanted me to pass on his thanks and best wishes.

Tina

But, don't take Dave off of the Prayer List just yet, at least not until we see him at a T-Bird event! And speaking of our Prayer List, don't forget our other members, Glen Hall, Candy Brown and Harvey Jenkins. If I have forgotten anyone else it is because of my "oldtimers disease". Pray for me and all the rest of our members too!

I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving,

Buzz

December 2011

**Harvey & Nelle Jenkin's address:
1105 Bluewater Drive, Canyon Lake,
78133/(830-899-6644)**

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4	5	6	7 Chester's	8	9 Xmas Party	10 Sattler Parade & Jenkins Potluck
11	12	13	14 Chester's	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Chester's	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

SCHEDULED EVENTS

- 12/09 Christmas Party
- 12/10 Sattler Parade
- 12/10 Potluck/Business Meeting at Harvey & Nelle Jenkins, Canyon Lake
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/31 New Year's Eve

- 01 Art Keith Jr
- 04 Ralph Bowen
- 11 Jimmy Dowda
- 12 Patti Massey
- 12 Nelle Jenkins
- 13 Stan Steiger
- 18 Naomi Maulden
- 25 Helen Murphy
- 29 Ernie Claus



- 01 Eddie & Anne Morris
- 11 Lou & Cora Maulden (1st)
- 17 Pat & Ray Ward

Subject: listing of member's spouse in the CTCI roster

CTCI Chapter Presidents, Newsletter Editors, and Chapter Representatives/Contacts,

Please place the following information in your Chapter newsletter and discuss it at your next Chapter meeting. Several weeks ago the CTCI Board passed a resolution raising the membership dues; there was a provision in this resolution to add the name of the member's spouse to the roster and membership database if the member so indicated. When you receive your dues envelopes in the Nov-Dec issue of the Early Bird please include your spouse's name on the line for member's name if you wish your spouse listed in the roster. Unfortunately the dues envelopes did not have a separate line for the spouse's name. The spouse's name will then be added to the membership database and will be printed in the 2012 roster. If you have already sent your dues envelope to the CTCI office you can contact the office and have your spouse added to the database. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Holiday season.

Martin Bierman
CTCI Region 5 Director



SAN ANTONIO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB
November 12, 2011
Minutes

Vice- President Lou Maulden called the November meeting of the San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club to order at 8:45. President Michelle Griffin is moving to Houston.

New Members: We had no new members.

Minutes: A motion was made by Troy Rowe and seconded by Carol Buss to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Troy Rowe gave the financial report. A motion to accept the report was made by Carol Buss and seconded by Ken Rowe.

Anniversaries and Birthdays were recognized.

Old Business: Buzz gave a report and we will need three people to serve on the board.

New Business: New officers for 2012 were introduced.

President and tour chairman: Buzz Durio

Vice President: Stan Steiger

Secretary: Nelle Jenkins and Helen Murphy

Treasurer: Troy Rowe

Newsletter: Cheryl Meynig

Remember to **send in your reservation for the Christmas Party by Dec. 1.** Forms are in the last newsletter.

Dues are also due and need to be sent to Troy Rowe.

Buzz gave a report on the AACOCC picnic. It will be discontinued because of lack of attendance. A motion was made by Buzz and seconded by Andy to discontinue giving T-Bird caps to new members.

Club Christmas donations were discussed and a motion was made by Buzz and seconded by Andy to give \$500.00 to the Fisher House.

Buzz also talked about our lunch run.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nelle Jenkins and seconded by Harvey Jenkins at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Murphy



Cheryl,
 Print this picture and show it to the Club members. Many of them should recognize the car. Lineberry family was the original owner, I believe.
 Thank you,
 Sam
 Bought this car from Ray and Pat Ward in 2000.

Samuel Brummitt, DAF
 AMC Systems Lab
 375 CSPTS/SCV
 Comm. (618)256-4114
 DSN 576-4114

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE.....provided by Ken Rowe

All of us have received many compliments on our T-Birds. Over the 44 years that I've had mine I've seen probably thousands of thumbs up (I always check to make sure they are thumbs) and of course heard many compliments like "Nice car" or "Beautiful" or "Gorgeous" and even one "Splendiferous". But I particularly remember some of the more unusual "compliments".

Years ago when I was stopped at a light downtown while several people were walking across the street in front of the Bird. One was a very large and tough looking woman. She was wearing a fringed jacket and looked like she had just flown in from a cattle ranch in Texas. She looked at me and yelled, "BEST G** D*** CAR FORD EVER MADE □. RIGHT?! All I could manage was a meek "Yes Ma'am". Of course I agreed with her, but I probably would have answered the same way no matter what she had said.

And once after parking my Bird a man looked it over and came up to me and with a straight face asked "Can't you afford a new car?" He walked off without changing his expression while I had a good laugh.

On another occasion I was working on my Bird while parked on a side street. The hood and trunk lid were up. A police car with two officers pulled up beside me and stopped. I figured "Uh-oh, they're gonna' tell me I can't work on the car on the street." One of them rolled down the window and said, "We'll trade you cars". With a sense of relief, I said, "No, thanks, I don't think so". The other officer upped the ante when he added, "This car has a siren!" Maybe it helped me that the Bird had carried the Chief of Police in a parade a few weeks earlier.

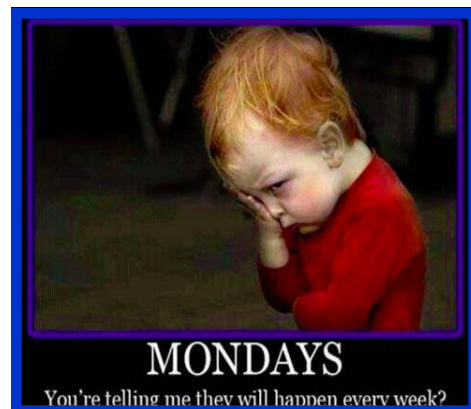
Thanks for letting me remember a few of the many pleasures of owning one of these remarkable cars.

Jim Murphy
 Sun Gold 57E
 Alexandria, VA

Uncle Kar Boorator Sez:



**"No one is listening
 Until you make a mistake!"**





EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

Cruise Nite's

Every Friday Night

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

Kerrville, TX, at Culver's Restaurant, 1300 Junction Hwy

2nd Friday Night

Castroville, TX, at Wommack Chevrolet on Hwy 90

Last Saturday of Each Month

San Anonio, TX, Cars & Coffee, 8:30AM to 9:30+AM
Panera Bread, 160 at Blanco Rd

Events & Car Shows

Sequin, TX

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

Events 2012

The 2012 CTCI International Convention, Memphis, TN
Birds on Beale!
August 21—25, 2012
The Cook Convention Center
Convention Chair: Rick Miller 901-861-2387
Registration Chair: Terry Patton 901-867-4055
Registration/Hotel Reservations: Memphisthunderbirds.com



**The Concourse will be indoors at the Convention Center, and Beale Street, the Mississippi River, Sun Studio, Graceland, and World Famous BBZ are all on the agenda. All are just a short trolley ride, or walk, from the Convention Center, and special rates are available for Convention attendees. Information about the hotels, the Agenda, and Convention Registration is available at:
<http://memphisthunderbirds.com/2012-convention/reservationsandregistration.html>**

Sattler Parade and December meeting at Harvey and Nelle's house. We need to bring food for the luncheon. We nearly ran out of food last year, because too many brought desserts or other items. We need meats, vegetables and potatoes, along with salads, a relish tray, chips etc. We will have a list ready after Chester's Wednesday evening.

Please let me know if you are bringing your Thunderbird for the Parade. The plan is to meet at the San Francisco Steakhouse, 10223 Sahara at San Pedro, around 8:45, and depart at 9:00AM. If anyone wants to meet in Bulverde at the EXXON , 281 at 46, we will be there by 9:25. From there we will go to Harvey and Nelle's to drop off food and continue on to Sattler.

Contact Nelle about food for the luncheon 830-899-6644

Contact Troy Rowe about the Christmas Party 210-656-6458

Contact Buzz Durio about the Sattler Parade 210-213-1984

A wonderful idea! As Americans, we need to support our own economy, and not be held hostage by cheap, foreign-made products that are crippling the jobs of workers in the United States.

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**Christmas 2011 -- Birth of a New Tradition—submitted by Mike Batey, Special Interest Fords of the Fifties, Houston, TX**

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods -- merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Oh.... Yes there is!

It is time to think outside the box, people. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper?

Everyone -- yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber?

Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improve-

ment.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plunking down the Benjamins on a Chinese-made flat-screen TV? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course.

There are a gazillion owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates. And, if your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint. Remember, folks this isn't about big National chains -- this is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the American working guy?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning lady for a day.

My computer could use a tune-up, and I KNOW I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre.

Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands.

Honestly people, do you REALLY need to buy another ten thousand Chinese lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of light, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kinds of bucks to burn, leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice BIG tip.

You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that China can build another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about US (We the People), encouraging American small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we could not imagine.

### **THIS is the new American Christmas tradition!!**

This is a revolution of caring about each other, and isn't that what Christmas is about?



## LOST MAPLES TOUR .....submitted by Ken Rowe



After the unit meeting on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> four cars of us headed out for the Lost Maples State Park. From all reports we had heard the trees were extremely beautiful this year. We fell out behind our leader, Buzz and his chauffer for the day, Steven. Ronnie and I agreed that we saw roads and sights that we didn't even know existed. Cars making the trip were Two of the 2000 T-Birds, a Mercedes, a Jeep Wrangler and one beautiful and most desired 57 bronze T-Bird. I am happy to report that there was no car trouble, no flat tires or other problems. Timing was perfect. Buzz got us in Utopia shortly after twelve just in time for lunch at the Lost Maples Café. I'm not sure Buzz works for a living. I think he spends all his time checking out the neat back roads and the outstanding places to eat. That all takes time and I can't figure out how it would leave time for employment. After Lunch we arrived at Lost Maples State Park. We did not enter the park and I know why, Buzz did not want the beauty of Ole Bronze to take away from colorful foliage of the trees in the park. Good call, Buzz. Some asked how the Maples came to be here in this area. I have it on good authority that Johnny Mapleseed a distant cousin of Johnny Appleseed was planting maple tree seeds and got tired and sat down to rest under a shady scrub oak tree. He dozed off and his seed pouch spilled out and as a result we have the Lost Maples State Park. If you are not impressed with this version and wish a different opinion Buzz has one. It was then on to our next stop in Medina for apple pie and apple ice cream. Making a great climax for an outstanding day. We were back in San Antonio about 3:30. Everyone said they really enjoyed the day and had a fantastic time. Oh, did I mention that Helen bought a thimble at the shop after eating her ice cream? She showed it to John who made it disappear then just as quick made it reappear!





## **ATTORNEY'S ADVICE - NO CHARGE.....submitted by Nelle Jenkins**

Not A Joke!! Even If you dislike attorneys. You will love them for these tips.

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. Maybe we should all take some of his advice! A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company:

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED.'
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
4. Place the contents of your wallet on photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel.. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards..

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name.

The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

8. Sign up for a fraud-protection service like Lifelock.com; monitors activity and watches your credit reports. Only \$10/person/month!

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union : 1-800-680 7289 1-800-680 7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271 1-800-269-0271



## **New Year's Cake**

**Stir together golden dreams of hope;  
 Add a cup of New Year's light  
 Catch flakes of Heaven's drifting snow  
 to make the mixture pure and white  
 add to it a stirring of angel's wings  
 Bearing joy, love and inspiration, blend  
 into the mix a prayer of hope, to God for  
 the souls of every nation.  
 Frost your cake with loving kindness and  
 then to make it especially nice,  
 give a large serving to all the world.  
 Add peace on earth with every slice.**

**Merry Christmas  
 Lillian Kiolbassa**

*"Found this recipe in my mother-in-law's paper work."*

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"May you have  
 the vision to recognize  
 the door that is yours,  
 courage to open it,  
 wisdom to walk through."  
 Jan L. Richardson



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**Merry Christmas  
 &  
 Happy New Year!!!**

# San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club

## 2012 Membership Renewal Form

**ARE YOU READY** – for another year of verbal abuse, extra calories, buying endless car parts, being photographed in awkward situations, changing tires along the road, and an endless variety of activities, most of them fattening????

**THEN** – complete this FORM, send it in with your CHECK, and get ready for a GREAT YEAR OF T'BIRDING!!!!!!

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE – HOME** \_\_\_\_\_ **WORK** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL** \_\_\_\_\_ **PAGER** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTHDAY (no year)** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPOUSE'S BIRTHDAY (no year)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNIVERSARY (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

**CTCI#** \_\_\_\_\_

**You do not have to own a T-Bird to be a member, but if you do.....**

**I/We own (color)**                      **1955** \_\_\_\_\_ **1956** \_\_\_\_\_ **1957** \_\_\_\_\_

**I/We own other collector cars** \_\_\_\_\_

**San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club (SACTC) for 2012**  
(if married, membership is for husband and wife)

**Please remit \$15.00 annual dues to:**  
**Troy Rowe, Treasurer**  
**4427 Las Cruces**  
**San Antonio, TX 78232**  
**(210) 656-6458**

**SAN ANTONIO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011  
Earl Abel's Private Dining Room  
1201 Austin Highway  
San Antonio, TX 78209**

**COCKTAIL (Beer or Wine) 6:30 to 7:00P.M.**

**DINNER 7:00P.M.**

**GIFT EXCHANGE AFTER DINNER**

**Cut Here \_\_\_\_\_**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY RESERVATION**

**Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**For the Christmas Party, I request the following Entrée(s)**

- |                              |                 |          |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| * Roast Loin of Pork         | How many? _____ | @\$22.42 |
| * Boneless Breast of Chicken | How many? _____ | @\$22.42 |
| * Chicken Fried Steak        | How many? _____ | @\$22.42 |

**Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**All entrees include: Tossed Field Greens Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Coffee/Tea, Dessert (Pie).**

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT: Reservation deadline is December 1, 2011\*\*\***

**Make your check payable to: San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club**

**Mail to: Troy Rowe, Treasurer  
4427 Las Cruces  
San Antonio, Texas 78233**