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San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club



DECEMBER 2012

SACTC Business Meeting

to be held

Friday

December 7, 2012

at

Christmas Party

Earl Abel's

1201 Austin Highway

6:30—6:45pm

Social/dinner to follow

What's Buzzin'

Our Christmas Party will be preceded by a short business meeting starting at 6:30p.m., Ken Rowe will give a report from the nominating committee (I can promise a surprise) then we will have to vote on the officers. We will have a short "social" prior to our Annual Christmas dinner. After dinner the fun begins with our traditional Christmas Gifting.

Remember, the ceiling has been lifted on the cost of your gifts. It is now \$25.00 maximum.



For our new members, you are asked to bring a wrapped or gift bagged gift for each member of your party. We will have two tables for the gifts, one for the ladies and another for the guys.

You will be asked to draw a slip of paper which will have a number on it. Then numbers are drawn and you will get to choose a gift, when your number is drawn, from the table, or you can steal a gift that was previously chosen. Then the person whose gift was stolen can choose another gift. (No gift can be stolen more than twice).

Saturday will be the trip to the Medina Children's Home. We will take a leisurely ride to the Children's home, arriving around 11AM. The gifts will be distributed and then John Murphy will perform a magic show for the house members.

Around noon we will depart for Kerrville and the Y-O Hotel and the Branding Iron Restaurant for lunch. After lunch we will take a scenic drive back to San Antonio.

Please RSVP for the Children's home event to: buzzdurio@satx.rr.com

December 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Bus. Mtg Christmas Party	8 No Sat. meeting
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas	26 No 4th Wed Nite Out	27	28	29
30	31 New Years Eve					

EVENTS

- 12/7 Business Meeting**
- 12/7 Christmas Party**
- No 4th Wednesday Nite Out**
- 12/25 Christmas Day**
- 01/1/13 New Year's Day**



BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Charlie Brown**
- 17 Carole Buss**
- 26 Pocahontas Cole**
- 28 Jere Lee**

No Anniversaries

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!**

SAN ANTONIO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2012

The November 10th meeting of the San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by President Buzz Durio.

Guest and New Members: Britta Viennon, guest of John Cook

Minutes: A motion was made by Ken Rowe and seconded by Carol Buss to accept the October minutes as read in the newsletter.

Financial report: Troy Rowe gave the financial report. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Ellen Pyka and seconded by Brent Schumacher.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized.

Sick Call: Joyce is recovering from back surgery.

Old Business: It was voted to do our Christmas gifting to the Medina Children's Home again. Marti Schumacher has taken on this responsibility. We have donations from 9 members totaling \$390. If the club matches the donations we are at \$780.00. Now there is a balance of \$240.00 from previous Christmas donations, if we add that we have \$1020. We have eight girls ages 13 to 17 to buy gifts for.

New Business: Fourth Wednesday Night Out. Since the fourth Wednesday of November is a week after Thanksgiving (not the day before Thanksgiving), it was voted that we would meet at Timbo's for our Fourth Wednesday Night Out.

December Meeting of the club will be before our Christmas Party at Earl Abels on December 7th. Remember the gift limit is \$25.

On December 8th we will leave San Antonio at 9:15 and arrive at the Medina Children's Home at 10:45, followed by lunch at the YO Hotel, and return to San Antonio around 3:30.,

Nominating committee: Nelle Jenkins, Ken Rowe and Andy Hoekstra were asked to serve on the nominating committee. They will bring their results to the December meeting at Earl Abels.

A motion was made by Ken Rowe and seconded by Carole Buss to adjourn at 10:17.

Respectfully submitted by
Helen Murphy
Secretary.

Uncle Kar Boorator sez.....



My mother taught me about ENVY—"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!"

Thought you could use a little humor . . .



You may have heard that Hostess Bakery plants shut down due to a workers' strike.

But you may not have heard how it was split up.

The State Department hired all the Twinkies, the Secret Service hired all the HoHos, the generals are sleeping with the Cupcakes and the voters sent all the Ding Dongs to Congress.

PINK SALAD—Submitted by Buzz Durio

Condensed Milk - 1 Can

Cool Whip - 1 12 oz tub

Mandarin Oranges - 1 small can, drained

Cherry Pie Filling - 1 small can

Crushed Pineapple - 1 small can, drained

Pecans, chopped - ½ cup

Coconut, shredded - ½ cup

Mix everything together and chill.



In Memory



Alice Bernice (Kosub) Kiolbassa, better known as "Nana", born on May 23rd 1917, joined her husband in heaven, Saturday, October 6th, 2012 at age 95.

Alice's family and get-togethers meant everything to her. Her cheerful, kind and loving way will always be cherished by those she leaves behind.

To Our T-Bird Family:

Just a short note to say thank you one and all for the love and support during the loss of our mother.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral
spray, if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest
words, as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at
all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our
hearts, we thank you so much
whatever the part.

George & Lillian Kiolbassa

Harvey Jenkins

5/11/41—11/4/12



Ten years ago, it was our good fortune to accidentally meet members of the SACTC at the Sattler Christmas Parade. We followed the group to Carol Buss' house for pot luck and paid our dues on the spot. We never dreamed that a little car would bring us so many good times and so many good friends.

Harvey loved cars and club members gave him the opportunity to talk about and to work on the T-Bird. He especially liked spending time in Andy's garage with Andy and John K. and was glad to help whenever he could.

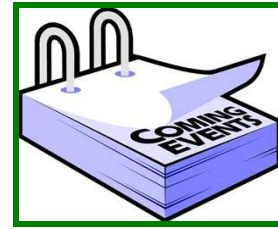
Harvey was a man with the heart of a child. He freely loved family and friends and enjoyed spending time with those he cared about. And, he loved dessert – any time, any place and anywhere. Any gathering or lunch run or cruise had to have a sweet stop along the way. As tour guides, John K. and Buzz always knew that Harvey would light up at the mention of a gooey dessert on the menu.

Even though this past year has been difficult, your cards, calls and offers of help have kept us connected. We both appreciated your friendship, your support, your thoughts, your encouragement and your love. But, most of all, we always knew that we were in your prayers and for that I will be eternally grateful.

The plant that you brought to the house is a beautiful reminder of your affection for him and a comfort to me, our children and our grandchildren. Thank you very much, Nelle



EVENTS CALENDAR 2012/2013



Friday, December 7th—SACTC Annual Christmas Party/Club Meeting

4th Wednesday Nite Out Schedule—2012

December—no 4th Wednesday Nite Out

4th Wednesday Nite Out Schedule—2013

January 23rd—Clear Springs, 606 W. Afton Oaks Blvd., off 1604, 78130
210-403-3474

February 27th—Spaghetti Warehouse, 1226 E. Houston, 78205,
210-299-1114

March 27th—Boo Dawg's—30775 I10 West, Boerne, 78006,
830-981-9011

April 24th—Earl Abel's, 1201 Austin Highway, 78209
210-822-7333



May 28th—John Kennedy's 90th Birthday—Potluck at Andy &
Mary Lou Hoekstra's home, 3202 Quakertown, 78230,
210-690-8514

Words of Wisdom—Submitted by John Murphy

Everyone has a photographic memory; some don't have film.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Back up my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse?

I just got lost in thought; it was unfamiliar territory.

Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted and used against you.

Honk if you love peace and quiet.

Pardon my driving, I'm reloading.

Despite the cost of living, have you noticed how it remains so popular?

Just remember if it wasn't for gravity, we'd all fall off. (Or up)

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone fool would try and pass them.

You can't have everything; where would you put it?

The things that come to those that wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking.

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong; a tax is a fine for doing well.

Everybody lies, but it doesn't matter since nobody listens.

I wished the buck stopped here; I could use a few.

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Interesting article from the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Submitted by Neal Johnston

5 Things That Are Costing You Money & Destroying Your Vehicle

Preface: Fuel Systems and Ethanol Fuel

Older vehicles made before 2004 do not have fuel system components that can stand up to the highly corrosive effects of ethanol-blended gasoline. As ethanol has infiltrated the nation's fuel supply, more and more people are witnessing firsthand how ethanol dissolves rubber and plastic parts over time and draws water into the fuel. Beyond this, ethanol reduces gas mileage (it has less energy than gasoline does). Depending on what state you're in, it may actually be illegal to buy ethanol-free gas at the filling station.

Here are the 5 facts you need to know to protect your vehicles and your wallet.

Fact 1: Ethanol is an alcohol added to gasoline by federal law, which is costing Americans more of their money this year than ever before. A recent study performed by the US Automakers warn drivers that additional Ethanol added to our fuel could cost them \$4,000 in repairs on each vehicle they drive.

Fact 2: You get lower mileage on ethanol-blended gasoline than regular gasoline because ethanol has less energy in it. E10 users already see a 3 - 5% drop in fuel economy. With E15 being pushed out nationwide within a year, you can expect an even larger drop in fuel economy from this blend.

Fact 3: Ethanol attracts moisture from the air, which destroys the quality of the gasoline and strips away a good amount of the octane rating of that fuel due to phase separation. You end up with a layer of poor quality gasoline and a layer of water and ethanol in the bottom of your fuel tank that can damage your engine if it's sucked up into the combustion chamber by your fuel line.

Fact 4: Ethanol is corrosive to rubber, plastic and even some metals like aluminum. Over time, this process can destroy seals, gaskets, fuel lines and other key components of your engine costing you breakdowns and extra repair costs.

Fact 5: You can protect yourself from the damaging effects of ethanol with Ethanol Defense by Bell Performance. Bell has supplied AACA with the above information and they can be contacted at www.EthanolDefense.com. AACA does not endorse this product nor have we done any testing. We offer this info purely as educational and you can make your own decision on the value of the product. We all surely know that ethanol is an enemy of many of our collector cars.

San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club 2013 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 \$30.00 annual dues to:

Troy Rowe, Treasurer

4427 Las Cruces

San Antonio, TX 78232

(210) 656-6458



SENIOR DRIVER

My neighbor was working in his yard when he was startled by a late model car that came crashing through his hedge and ended up in his front lawn.

He rushed to help an elderly lady driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair.

My goodness," he said with excitement, "you appear quite elderly to be driving."

"Well, yes, I am," she replied proudly. "I'll be 97 next month, and I am now old enough that I don't even need a driver's license anymore.

"The last time I went to my doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driver's license. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of the drawer, cut the license into pieces, and threw them in the wastebasket, saying, 'You won't need this anymore,' so I thanked him and left!"



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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From the Editor