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SUMMER FUN AT KNOXVILLE

Well, what can I say. Our adventure to the CTCI Convention in Knoxville, TN was a wonderful experience. We started off on 8/10 at Jim Rodger's house in Munds Park. Good food, drinks and planning for the following week.

We all met for breakfast at 7:30 and headed for the next stop Clinton. OK. Arrived about 5 pm for Happy Hour.



Next stop Conway, AR, Jim Timmons yellow T-Bird had a electric problem. We tried to fix it but no luck. Thank God we had a trailer, unloaded Angry Bird and loaded Jim's Bird. Carter got to drive Angry Bird to the convention (big smiles).

Next stop Nashville, TN. Lots of rain, thanks to Jim Cook and his colostomy bags cars didn't get too wet.

Saturday morning we headed for Albuquerque, NM to meet up with Pajarito members, Sam C de Baca, Ray Wood, Lloyd Powell and his wife, Ed Sauer and Sherrie (our trip planners), Jim Timmons and his son Tony for dinner at the Owl Café. Sam had our monogrammed shirts ready for us, they looked great. Sam wouldn't take a dine for them, thanks to him. Chris Ames and his grandson Jake joined us. Jake is going to college in NCU.



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JEANNIE K'S
JARGON

The guys who went on the trip to Knoxville in August, had a lot to say about the trip: the cars, the rain, the comradery, the cars, the winners, the great people we met, the cars.

Yeah, a lot about the cars, and why not? We are a car club!

But no one mentioned the absolute main event of the whole week. The VIDEO! The one put together by Duane and narrated by Myrna. It got people at the banquet so worked up that 27 couples pre-registered on the spot. Chris Ames, aided by Jamie Thompson, gladly took their names and the down payments. There have been several more people who have contacted Chris since then.

I almost had heart failure when I saw the hundreds of people attending the convention in Knoxville, but it was great to talk to so many who were excited to come to our very own Regional in Arizona next year.

So! This is it, guys and gals! Time to buckle down and get more serious about our plans.

I will be in contact with all of you who have volunteered to work on our Regional very shortly. And for you and everybody else, if you do not want to bake or make sandwiches for the Hospitality Room, you can donate money to buy food and drinks. Contact Ruth Wilson, 831-596-1192—leave a voice message, or send email (pagrovia1@gmail.com) for information.

If you have an idea of what you would like to do for the Silent Auction, or if you would rather donate money and let someone else do it for you, contact Jamie Thompson, 765-661-1566 or email (thompsonclassics@gmail.com).

Remember! It's the Classic Thunderbirds that brought us together, it's the friends we make who keep us together.

Both of these ladies have a firm grasp on what has to be done on their respective committees—so ask them!

About the LOGO. The official logo for the front of the T-Shirts, etc, is the cowboy with the lasso. The backs of the T-Shirts will have the one taken from the video –T-Birds going up the mountains with beautiful Pine trees on either side.

We will talk more about this at the meeting, September 9th, and all the weeks ahead.

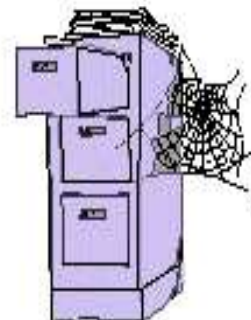


FLECTIONS

25 years ago, Chef Sam Ciammitti and his committee created the great ACTC Cookbook which included the club member's favorite recipes and more.

ACTC's great fundraiser, Lynne Silvernale, quickly made sure the Cookbook was a sellout at \$7 in 1993.

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2018 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

August	No Meeting/no Newsletter
August 10th	Leave for Knoxville, TN
September 9	American Legion (Irving B. Selmer Post #107) 20001 N. Cave Creek Rd, Phx Price \$14.00 per person
September 15	Sedona Car Show at Posse Grounds Park
September 28-30	Run to the Pines, Chris Ames, Frank Garrett, Jack & Nikki Musselman
October 14	Deer Valley Airport Restaurant 702 W. Deer Valley Price \$14.00 per person
November 3	Night At The Pavilions McDonalds Off Indian Bend/101 freeway
November 11	American Legion (Sipe-Peterson Post #44) 7145 S. 2nd Street Scottsdale price \$14.00 ? 20-25 parking spots reserved for classics, additional parking across the street.
November 22	Veterans Parade, Fountain Hills
December 15	Christmas Party, Embassy Suites

PLEASE NOTE !

All dates and events listed above are tentative and subject to change. Please check the calendar each month for updates.



Happy Birthday

Aug/September 2018

- 8/02 Joan Garrett
- 06 Jacki McKee
- 06 Pat Lynch
- 08 Ed Torel
- 09 Irena Mock
- 13 Bob Domagalski
- 16 Larry Meskimen
- 18 Greg Smolkovich
- 18 Jean Fruscello
- 18 Thomas Strabala
- 20 Ken Falkenberry
- 25 Jack Betterton
- 28 Beverly Lynch
- 31 Kathy Marchisotto
- 31 Leigh Dechaine

- 9/02 Mary Ann Schein
- 03 Barb Blair
- 03 Effie Duquette
- 04 Patti J. Brown
- 06 Mike Pettingell
- 07 Kerry Pokorski
- 07 Linda Young
- 10 Sherri Rodgers
- 16 Kathi Price
- 20 Rosemary Henderson
- 26 Terrence T. Duquette



- 8/10 Jack & Betty Betterton
- 11 Sam & Pat Ciammitti
- 17 Jason & Kathleen Gillespie
- 22 Mike & Nancy Dolan
- 27 Tom & Judy Harris

- 9/03 Larry & Phyllis
- 25 John & Nancy Kidwell

WE WISH ANY OF OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE ILL OR HOME BOUND THE BEST!!!!!!!

WE LOVE YOU.


CLASSIC CLASSIFIEDS


1956 Thunderbird with both tops, continental kit, 3 speed transmission with overdrive, no rust ever, new white paint , New black/white interior, new tires, speedo shows 95K, mechanics rebuilt, very nice original car \$obo or possible trade plus cash for a customized '51 Ford shoe box resto rod. Ed Torel 602-768-4156

2003 Ford Thunderbird for sale. I am the second owner .. 21,000 original miles. White has both tops. Asking price \$15,000.00 Patricia Pokorny mstgpty17@gmail.com

Ken Falkenberry has a nice white late model convertible top, excellent back window. A must see, a great buy at \$4000.00 480-861-3742

MENMBERSHIP: Any changes to Membership status should be sent to:

ACTC c/o Jim Cook, 65 Gray Fox Drive Sedona, AZ 86351-7264 or email



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Arrived in Knoxville about 5pm. Went to trailer yard and unloaded cars. Jim's 56 T-Bird hadn't healed, so he had to go parts . Turned out to be a distributer problem. We took the



rest of the cars to detail lot.

Holiday Inn had a great detail area set up, with all the supplies. Ken, is

hard at work. Thursday morning early we moved cars into the Convention Center. Smokie Mountain Club had a hot breakfast set up for us. Then off to the Judges meeting and training.



Mike Wood

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ACTC JULY 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Jeannie Wood at 10:00 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited led by Sandy Trasente. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed. Jeannie said that some members are not receiving their reminder calls because of their first phone number in your member information. If it's your home number and you're on vacation you obviously aren't going to get the call. Please let Jeannie know which number you prefer to be contacted at; we're charged for everyone who says they are coming to breakfast.



HOSPITALITY: Yvonne Wagner said Judy Thompson's Mom died recently after just turning 101! Please sign the card going around. Members with July and August birthdays were sung to.

ACTIVITIES: Paul Fruscello said not much going on. Don Rebtoy spoke about the Sedona Car Show. He has forms; date is the 15th of September. He will arrange parking together. Jim and Danny invited everyone to their home for Happy Hour. Chris Ames spoke about Run to the Pines for September 28-30. Four cars are planning to go so he'll arrange a caravan. Jack & Nikki have graciously offered to have dinner for everyone on Saturday evening.

WAYS AND MEANS: Tom McKee said they still have items in the store and will be taking orders in the fall.

TREASURER: Tome Wagner reported the balance in our checking account.

MEMBER AT LARGE: Bob Michele thanked the staff for our great breakfast at the Arrowhead Country Club. There is no meeting in August; September will be at the American Legion Hall on Cave Creek Rd; October will be at the Deer Valley Airport and November will be at the American Legion in Scottsdale; a new venue. He said Ken Falkenberry has forms for nominations, candidates will be announced in October; voting will be in November.

CTCI: Denis Frank said if anyone is interested in CTCI board meetings they can look online; they video conference the meetings. There is a new treasurer onboard and the Business Manager has resigned along with some other board members. It was decided to contract CTCI business management to Attaché International located in Kansas City. There are more than 300 vehicles registered for the International Convention in Knoxville.

WEBMASTER: Chuck Young said that Linda's Art Unraveled Event is being held from August 1 to the 4th. There will be more than 70 vendors for shopping day on August 4. Get there early!

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Don Henderson said that Southwest Street Rods is having a car show on

October 27 at Falcon Field.

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Cook said that there are now 101 T-Birds in the club. There are 186 members; 100 households.

INSPECTOR GENERAL: Jim Rodgers reported for Carter Rodgers on the T-Bird count. There are no 55's today; one '56 and four 57's. Pat Cox won a T-Bird Monopoly game for whining about her A/C not working well.

NEWSLETTER: Mike Wood asked if there were any questions about the newsletter. Some members who receive hard copies didn't receive their newsletter yet. Mike is always looking for stories, cartoons, old pictures, etc.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeannie Wood said New Mexico may not join us to help with the Regional.

Judy Thompson and Ray Wood will handle the registration.

Nikki Musselmann and Sam are handling the advertising.

Jeannie said we need donations for baskets, silent auction, hospitality room, raffles

Chris Ames will take care of the event booklet

Chuck Young will handle the website
Technical problems will be handled by Jim and Danny

Parking will be taken care of by Mike Wood and Jack Musselmann

Sandy Trasente gave idea of tours she is arranging

Hospitality room will be chaired by Ruth Wilson and Rosemary Henderson
Welcoming Committee will be Yvonne and Tom Wagner

Friday BBQ is being chaired by Mo & Dave Mason

Dinner Program will be taken care of by Myrna Foster and Jim Rodgers will handle awards

Lynn Silvernale and Dede Ross are in charge of goody bags

Ken Falkenberry is in charge of a Swap Meet

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Duane Foster will handle photography assisted by Jim and Danny

Sandy Trasente is looking into local transportation

Tom McKee will handle T-shirts and other merchandise

We need baskets for the Silent Auction
We need to figure out how to handle the raffles

Duane Foster showed a fantastic video about Arizona to entice members to come to our Regional! He didn't include even one cactus in the pictures!

SPLIT THE POT: \$65.00 was won by Mike Wood.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Cox, Secretary



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Friday morning the Judges headed out onto the floor to judge all the beautiful cars (about 150 of them). Finished about 4pm and we had to move the cars back to the hotel parking lot. Saturday morning cars headed out on a cruise of beautiful Tennessee.



Saturday morning Tour



I had never driven the T-Bird in any serious rain, so before the trip I got the old vacuum wiper motor working by putting some automatic transmission fluid in the vacuum intake port to get things working again. Boy am I glad I did as we hit serious rain through Oklahoma and Arkansas. We all found the value of carrying towels and Glad garbage bags in the car to catch the water. Yes, the Glad garbage bag closed around the door/window dog leg does a great job of catching the rain water!

All of the cars made the trip without major incident, with one minor item needing attention on the route with my car (a leaking flexible fuel line hose) which we fixed at the hotel in Oklahoma one night. It is always a good idea to carry a few spare parts and some tools on a long trip like this to affect any repairs on the road. Mike Wood, Chris Ames, Carter Rodgers and I had it fixed in no time and we didn't lose any time on the road. You are in good hands when traveling with this group; with the collective knowledge about the cars and the willingness to help from these folks things can easily be diagnosed and fixed.

The convention was a great success with over 600 attendees at the awards dinner on Saturday night in Knoxville. The Smoky Mountain Region did a great job putting on the event and Southern hospitality was evident everywhere we went. We really enjoyed our scenic drive with the group through the Smoky mountains, the evening at Dollywood, the display of beautiful T-Bird's at the show and most of all the camaraderie of our ACTC group that made the trek to Knoxville. I would encourage anyone reticent about making a trip like this to give it a try, definitely an adventure to remember!

Jim Cook



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So, you want to get your Thunderbird back on the road, eh?? Well, you should have joined up with Mike/Jeanie, Jim/Carter, Ken/Virginia, Jim Cook and Chris Ames and motored over to Knoxville, Tenn.. It was just under 4,000 miles round trip. 4 1/2 days there and 4 days back.

Trivia Time! What group sang the song: "Who'll stop the Rain"?? Well, rain it did!! Luckily none of our little Birds leaked. Much!! Those "dog leg" wind-shields kept most of us wiping/moping up the drips. We were advised to arrive with only 1/4 tank of gas as the cars would be in a huge coliseum. (of course no one checked) 162 beautiful little Birds in one setting. Our Pink 57 was entered in Touring as while it looks great and the ladies especially love it. (Ask Jim Cook about the lady who took pictures of "Pinky" only). The judges didn't totally agree. The Knoxville group put on a fantastic show for everyone. When you read the reports from the others, you will enjoy more comments. Such as Dolly World, the 90 mile touring drive and of course the Saturday night Awards Banquet. We met some folks that were on the Great Race back in 2001. A couple that I had sold T-birds too. Ron Bickle (Texas) was one and he won two Gold Trophies. Met several members from the Virginia Club that Stewart/Mary W. belong to also. I wore the special cap that Mary made for me.

The return home trip was another with less rain the first couple of days, but lots the final two. Have you every checked the 1-2-3-4 extra charges on you Motel Bill??? Here are some example's! Sales Tax, City Lodger's Room Tax, State Tax, Occupancy Tax, County Tax, Tourism Tax and last but not least= Hotel/Occupancy Tax. Our average bill was \$132 which wasn't too bad.

Back to driving the Pink T-bird with its 302/AOD drive train running 70 at/1900 RPM. Perfect! A/C @ 70 MPH, Temp gauge 180, Elec. Wiper, Thank goodness and it used no oil!! This little car ran beautifully. We have been to Canada, So. Padre Island, Colo., Calif twice and all over Arizona. (My thanks to Don Henderson 13 years ago when we did this conversion)

Ken Falkenberry

Folks started talking about attending the CTCI Convention several months ago and I thought it would be fun but wasn't fully committed until ACTC agreed to host the 2019 Convention. I decided to attend to observe and learn as much as I could about putting on a concours meet. Now that the decision was made it was time to get our 57 Blue Bird of Paradise ready for Senior Concours competition. Last shown in San Diego in 2016 she scored high enough to be elevated to "Senior Car" competition so the challenge was there to return to the senior level. Lots of work, time and effort was put into correcting the discrepancies found in 2016 plus other defects she had acquired over the past two years. Of course since the last show we removed the original Y Block and installed a 5.0 HO Ford crate engine with AOD automatic thanks to Wes and Don Henderson along with several others. Preparation also included complete detailing from the antenna to the bottom of the tires. Tires were all removed and wheels and tires were cleaned and polished inside and out including the treads. Reminded me of the younger years with my dad prepping classic Lincolns for competition.

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SHHHHHH....

As a courtesy to others, please remember to turn off your phones or set them on vibrate when you enter the meeting room!

**WESTERN CLASSIC ROUNDUP
May 15th 2019**

This is the Official name for our 2019 Regional Thunderbird Concours at Little America, Flagstaff, Az

Mr. Kennedy (Hotel Manager) has the plans moving along. He has set up a block of rooms on the West end of the hotel for us (next to the show). Our own hospitality suite will be there also. When you call in for a room, state you are with ACTC.

The hotel just went through a 50 million dollar remodeling project. It is unbelievable!!!!!!

The theme is going to be as the name indicates WESTERN style.

As in Jeannie K's Jargon we need members to sign up for jobs there.

LETS SHOW OFF OUR BIRDS

Make your room reservations now for the 2019 Regional in Flagstaff.
Room rate: \$139.00 per night plus tax

Call: Little America
2515 E. Butler Avenue
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
800-865-1401 ask for CTCI rate

After you make your reservations call
Jeannie K Wood---- 602=722-8537 or



**CLASSIC T-BIRDS BROUGHT US TOGETHER,
FRIENDS WE MAKE KEEP US
TOGETHER.**

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Once the car was ready for show competition she was placed in the garage and wrapped up until she was loaded on the trailer for the trip to Knoxville. The car would easily have made it but the driver was not up to the challenge to drive so she enjoyed the status of "TRAILER QUEEN" for two weeks. Everything was fine until we approached Conway, Arkansas when the tool box lid broke on the trailer and flew into the front of the T Bird hood giving her a ugly pimple that would plague her for the rest of the trip. Once judging began however the head judge was advised of the damage that occurred on the way to the show and the ugly pimple did not affect the judges ratings. Saturday night was the awards banquet where the Blue Bird of Paradise (pimple and all) was not only awarded another Gold Award but elevated to Gold Medallion with award of Excellence scoring higher than she did in 2016.

The trip home in continued rain was interesting when the fender of the trailer decided to come apart but fortunately we caught it before it could cause any damage to the Lil Bird or any other cars on the freeway. As the saying goes, "no harm, no foul" except to delay our much anticipated Happy Hour. Now the task of repairing the pimple and preparation for the 2019 CTCI Regional convention in Flagstaff begins.

The show was a blast and of course the award was great but Blue Bird and I are grateful to our long time ACTC Friends Mike Wood, Ken Falkenberry, Don Henderson and son Wes Henderson for they made it happen. Of course I can't forget Carter Rodgers, our youngest ACTC member for without him I wouldn't have made the trip.

Love Ya, JR





Sedona Car Show: September 15th, has moved from the very hot airport location to Posse Grounds Park. Go online for your application. Jim/Danny would like attendees to come by their home to enjoy a happy hour. There is also a nice Italian restaurant not far where we can have dinner in a private room.



Pat and Sam Ciammitti Attended the wedding of their Grand-daughter.

Amanda Pickett and Matt Claxton on June 16, 2018 in Wichita, KS. The couple honeymooned in Cozumel.

"Yvonne Wagner's sister passed away on Wednesday, August 15 in Maui. She had been in Hospice for a couple of weeks beforehand. Sharon's ashes will be sent to her daughter in Phoenix where there will be a Memorial and Celebration of Life."



Results of 2018 International in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Jim Rodgers—57 T-Bird Concours II Senior Gold & Gold Medallion

JIM Cook —57 T-Bird Touring Third Place

Chris Ames —56 T-Bird Concours II Primary Silver

Mike Wood —55T-Bird Concours II Senior Gold

Ken Falkenberry — 57 pink Most photographed

Not bad, five cars four winners



Thanks Mary Wright, love my hat!!!!

******REMEMBER******

October 1, 2018 is the last day to submit your name to run for a Board position.

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