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DEAN LAMOYLE WAKEFIELD - 1930 - 2016

On January 8th we lost a very dear friend and club member. Dean Wakefield will long be remembered for his easy going manner and personality. His attitude was always positive, even during the most difficult of times.

I would like to share some great memories I have of Dean. As most of us older club members can recall, Dean and Ina were members of the San Diego Chapter and they, along with the Orange County and Las Vegas chapters, plus many others, joined ACTC in Lake Havasu when we hosted the Annual October Havasu Days gathering. It was similar to a "mini regional". Sixty or so little birds gathering for 3 days of parades, trips to Laughlin, live bands under the Havasu Bridge where we danced till midnight, and a wonderful banquet dinner on Saturday evening.

Arriving on Friday in October of 1979, I first met Dean in the hospitality room. Naturally, we talked about T-birds, at which time he told me that he drove a rare (as in "supercharged") red '55 T-bird. I told him that Ford didn't make a '55 like that, to which he replied, "they didn't, but I did." Early Saturday morning he took me for a drive and buried the speedometer needle. Wow, I didn't know he was also a race car driver.

Saturday night at the banquet dinner, we ACTC members came dressed semi-casual for the most part. Well in marched the San Diego gentlemen in suits with their ladies in very nice dresses. The following year ACTC members decided to dress up in suits or sport jackets. Here came the San Diego contingent walking in sporting tuxedos or white dinner jackets. They win!

Dean and Ina later moved back to Utah until around 2002 when Dean was diagnosed with throat cancer. They moved to Arizona for medical treatment and joined ACTC in 2003. They were active from the start, attending meetings and participating in many driving trips.



For those who may not know, among Dean's many skills was a mastery of all types of electrical systems. He helped me many times over the years with wiring on my T-birds. Two specific occasions come to mind. First, I had purchased a '57 and found the dash lights didn't work. Dean came over, crawled under the dash and 10 minutes later handed me a wire that had been inserted inline to eliminate dash lights. On another occasion I had an original 6 volt '55 with LED lights which seems

to prevent the parking lights from working correctly. After looking at the wiring, Dean went home, drew up a revised wiring diagram, returned the next morning, rewired the front part of the system and "voila", functional parking lights. After solving my problem, he addressed the cause of the problem by mailing his revised wiring diagram to the catalog vendor that had sold the LED lights.

Word of Dean's electrical expertise quickly spread club wide, so during our annual Tech Days, he was asked by several members to come see if he could correct their car's problem. Of course he always did but there was never a charge for friends in need.

Most of you remember that Dean and Ina always attended Midnight at the Oasis. Did you know that they helped Tom and Frank put out the 30 or so stakes with our signs for the rest of our convenience?

Do you recall that they hosted the (Jamie T) hospitality room in Havasu? Do you recall the same couple hosting Tubac hospitality rooms for a couple of years? The list of Dean and Ina's generosity is simply endless.

Dean's military ceremony was a solemn reminder to be grateful for people like Dean. As a T-bird family, we must be thankful for having known Dean and always remember Ina with our continuous love and support.

.... Ken Falkenberry

VIRGIL B. POKORNY - 1944 - 2016

We lost another long time ACTC member this past month of January. Virgil Pokorny died on January 14 after his long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 71 years old. Virgil served our nation in the United State Navy in both active and reserve duty and was a Vietnam Veteran. He retired with distinction after 20 years – thank you for your service Virgil.

Virgil was born and raised in Surprise, Nebraska and later moved 65 miles southeast to



Lincoln. In 1982, he and Patricia moved to Arizona to escape the cold Nebraska winters. Virgil started a drywall company which he managed for over 25 years. One of his office employees was Mariet Lucari who was an ACTC member. At the time, Virgil had a red '56 T-bird and Mariet convinced Virgil and Patricia to join ACTC. Virgil's interest in T-birds led him to sell the '56 and purchase a white '57 "E" 'bird, which remains parked in his garage today. Over the years, Virgil routinely participated in high school homecoming parades and the ASU Fiesta Bowl parades. The highlight of all the parades Virgil drove was when he was selected to drive a pilot from the Blue Angels, the Navy Demonstration Squadron. The Angels were performing at Williams Air Force Base (now Phoenix–Mesa Gateway Airport) that year. Virgil memorialized the event in pictures.

Virgil was an avid fan of the great outdoors. It was actually a family trait and Virgil, Patricia, their children and friends, spent their vacations and time-off camping and hiking. They loved to boat and water ski on Arizona's many wonderful scenic lakes.

Back in the '80s and '90s, league bowling was a

huge athletic enjoyment. And while it was not an outdoor activity, it was another of Virgil's loves.

While Virgil and Patricia didn't attend as many meetings as some, they maintained their membership for 33 years. The last function they attended was the "Elvis" (5 stages of Elvis's life) at Jamie & Gary Thompson's party. I was fortunate enough to portray the Las Vegas part of Elvis's life, and during the show the Las Vegas Elvis put one of his scarves on Patricia's neck.

Remember when I mentioned that Virgil and Patricia were from Nebraska? As you may suspect, they were avid Cornhuskers fans. So, think back to the night that Jake Plummer and ASU thumped the mighty Cornhuskers 19-ZERO. Virgil and Patricia did recover and in fact became ASU fans as well. In closing, I must tell you that Virgil was the kind of guy that everyone liked, always upbeat with a big smile. It was a pleasure to have known him. As members of our ACTC family, let's not forget Patricia in our daily lives.

.... Ken Falkenberry

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PORTHOLE



Fellow ACTC Family Members,

First of all I can't remember in my 38 off and on years of being associated with this fine club when we laid two of our members to rest in one week and it is so sad. To the Wakefield and Pokorny families please know that your ACTC family is thinking of you and God Bless.

The January meeting is behind us and this year's trip to Tubac is in the history book. We have a very busy activity schedule ahead of us. I am looking at the schedule and have recognized that there is just so much one can do, but I also see that there is something for everyone. We have car shows, tours, parties, and of course the International Convention in San Diego on the calendar. I know this will be a fun trip and would like to solicit as many members as possible to attend this event. Back in the day the Southern California Clubs always supported Arizona and I think it would be great if we could have 15 to 20 cars in attendance. That is pretty aggressive but doable and we have some great cars that show very well and the touring class is a fun class. Next out of the chute is Western Winter Weekend which is less than 3 weeks out and Mid-night at the Oasis is just over a month away. Hopefully my Bird will be out of the transmission shop and ready to go. It seems like there is always something to do on a 59 year old car. These things run hot, ride rough, leak oil, and are temperamental. Ain't they GREAT!

More Trivia Questions:

1. What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?
2. What is the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek?
3. What automaker's first logo incorporated the Star of David?
4. Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove Fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"?

Until next time "If it runs ... drive it!"

Jim Rodgers
Jim Rodgers

Celebrating Their Diamond Anniversary



We both started out as teachers. Then Mike went back to school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison to become a pharmacist. He was a pharmacist for Thrifty Drug for thirty years.

We have four children, two daughters and two sons, and seven grandchildren.

It's been a great sixty years.

.... Ruth Butera

I would like to thank Ken Falkenberry for handling the Tubac trip for me this year. I hope everyone had a good time and ACTC members did well with winning awards. Ken is always there to help out.
Thanks again,
John Marchisotto

- Trivia Question Answers:
1. 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. Also the first with electric door latches
 2. Mustang
 3. Dodge Brothers
 4. Clyde Barrow in 1934



Remember to wear your name tag to meetings!

There's a \$1 fine for failure to do so!

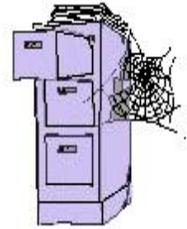


2016 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

February 7	Meeting - Gallagher's
February 20-21	Western Winter Weekend Wagner, Thompson
March 4-6	Midnight at the Oasis Dolan
March 13	Meeting
March 19	ACTC Tech Day Falkenberry & Kowalski
March 26	Ahwatukee Easter Parade Henderson
April 9	ACTC Night at the Pavilions Havel
April 10	Meeting - Officers' Picnic - PERA Park
April 16	Silver Rose Induction Parade Havel
April 22-24	Las Vegas Weekend Graziano
April 29-May 1	Route 66 Fun Run Thurston
May 15	Meeting
June 12	Meeting
July 10	Meeting
Summer TBA	Luau McKee
September 11	Meeting
September 13-18	CTCI International Convention Thompson
September 17 Tentative	Sedona Car Club Airport Show
September 23-25	Run to the Pines
October 8	ACTC Night at the Pavilions Havel
October 9	Meeting
November 13	Meeting followed by planning meeting

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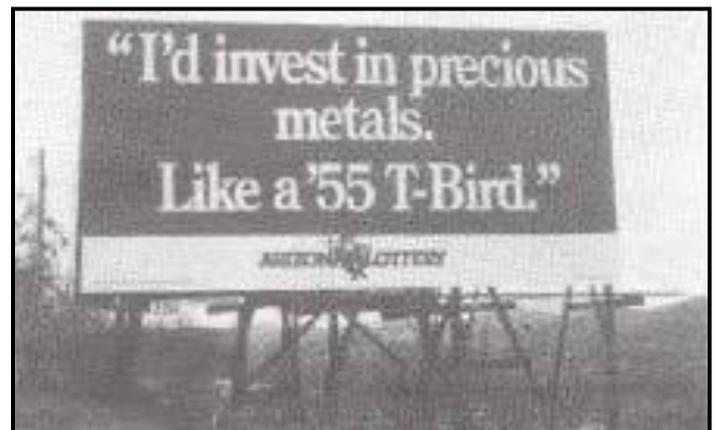
1991 was a good year. The New York Giants were Super Bowl Champs and 81 people with 23 Classic T-Birds attended the Feb. '91 ACTC meeting at the China Doll Restaurant located at 7th Avenue and Osborn. Coffee was served at 9:30am, followed by the meeting from 10 to 11am, then brunch and socializing until who knows when. Ed Torel won \$25 in the split-the-pot drawing and probably still has that cash.



There were 15 business card ads filling one and one half pages of space in the 12 page *Arizona Bird Chatter* newsletter back then, as compared to 6 ads in the 2016 newsletter. A red 3-speed 1955 T-bird with hardtop only was advertised for sale at \$17,500.

25 years ago, plans were being made to attend the September 1991 CTCI Regional Convention in San Diego. Today, ACTC members are once again making plans to return to San Diego for the September 2016 CTCI International Convention.

Ever wonder what the club's Big Wheels do at those mysterious Board Meetings? Well, in '91 they had a long discussion concerning the possibility of folding the Club Roster a different way. Now you know.



1991 Arizona Lottery Billboard

.... Stewart Wright



SHHHHH....

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

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Our President, Jim Rodgers, called our meeting to order at 9:25 on January 10, 2016. This meeting was held at Gallagher's on 7th Street and Union Hills, Phoenix. The meeting started with our Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. A motion by Frank Graziano to waive the reading of the October meeting minutes was seconded by Ken Falkenberry and passed unanimously by the members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jim Rodgers called our attention to the pictures taken at the Christmas party being shown on the Gallagher's TV. Ken Falkenberry mentioned that an original copper backed ACTC grill emblem has been donated to the club by Don Anderson. It was decided by a show of hands that it would be raffled off at a later date.

HOSPITALITY: Yvonne Wagner introduced guests attending. Jack & Nikki Musselmann's son Trey was in attendance as well as Iva Lane's brother Ron and his wife Shirley. New ACTC member Carter Rodgers, who is Jim's grandson, was recognized. In attendance also was Mike Trapasso who has moved to California. Mike told a harrowing story of cruising in his T-bird down the I-10 freeway last April when he had a very close call ending with his T-bird driving 60 mph backwards down the freeway. All ended well but you might ask him about his experience. Also, sad news recognizing the passing of long-time member Dean Wakefield. No information yet on pending services. January birthdays were celebrated with a heartfelt rendition of Happy Birthday.

ACTIVITIES: Back to Tubac is the next upcoming event. Ken Falkenberry will be leading the run on behalf of John Marchisotto who is still visiting family in New York. Jamie Thompson & Yvonne Wagner reported on the Western Winter Weekend at the Francisco Grande on February 20th. With a murder mystery spanning cocktails, dinner, and dessert it promises to be an entertaining evening! Greg Thurston spoke briefly in regard to the Route 66 event and Midnight at the Oasis was discussed also. Please check the newsletter for details.

WAYS AND MEANS: Tom McKee was present at his first meeting as Chairman. He is looking into other vendors and is also looking for suggestions from members. He announced that the club has an opportunity to raffle off a timeshare week at the Marriott Beach Club in Kaua'i, Hawaii. This is a 2 bedroom unit that sleeps up to 8 and is availa-



ble the week after Thanksgiving. Since the annual maintenance would have to be paid, he is suggesting \$50 per ticket and at least 40 tickets would have to be sold in order for this offer to materialize. A show of hands indicates there is interest. Information will be available soon. Keep in mind, if all 40 tickets are not sold, your ticket purchase will be refunded.

SECRETARY: Dede Ross had no report.

TREASURER: Tom Wagner gave the current balance in both the checking and rainy day accounts.

EX-OFFICIO: Greg Thurston had no report.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Frank Graziano had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Don Henderson spoke briefly about the Ahwatukee Easter parade on March 26th. Sign-up sheet will be available later.

NEWSLETTER: Our new editor, Chris Ames said that after 20 years of editing award winning newsletters for the club, Barbara Blair had asked him to take the wheel of her classic *Arizona Bird Chatter*. He likened it to being given an opportunity to fly a new type of aircraft at altitude in stable flight; a time for only gentle control movements necessary to maintain course. He also said that Barb left some very large shoes to fill and thanked her and Pat for their gracious support as he transitioned into the role of editor. Chris said that while historically the February issue of the *Arizona Bird Chatter* has included Stewart & Mary Wright's auction report, this year the auction schedule presents a dilemma. *The Wright Stuff* report will not be in the February issue unless we hold off publishing until well after February 1st. He will send out an e-mail seeking everyone's input on whether to let the *The Wright Stuff* report slip to the March issue, or hold the February issue so it can include the report.

MEMBERSHIP: Pat Ciammitti reported membership stands at 125 households; 231 members and 106 T-birds. We have (20) '55s (31) '56s and (55) '57s.

HISTORIAN: Duane Foster had no report.

WEB MASTER: It was reported a \$50 gift card was given to Robb Devlin who has been keeping up our website.

E-MAIL COORDINATOR: Shirley Pettingell had no report.

CTCI: Chuck Thompson spoke about the importance of ACTC members joining CTCI. He also spoke about this September's International Convention at the Crowne Plaza in San Diego and

suggested that those who are considering attending should make hotel reservations now.

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE: Kathy Marchisotto was not in attendance.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mike Wood reported 12 T-birds, as well as many other cars. He chose a '57 Bronze T-bird since it was driven with the top down. Carter "Chilly Willy" Rodgers was the driver. His reward was a sweatshirt so he wouldn't get cold going home!

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Rodgers read a letter from the Arizona Retirement Home thanking us profusely for our gift cards, T-bird display and sing-along. They are very grateful.

Ken Falkenberry brought up the Buck Hoag award once again. He brought a motion to membership as to whether or not the award should be given to a worthy member. Voters said yes. That will be put on the agenda once again.

NEW BUSINESS: Frank Graziano presented Pat Ciammitti and Barb Blair with an award for their 16 and 20 years respectively of loyal service to ACTC.

SPLIT THE POT: Walt Howell won \$102.00.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Dede Ross, Secretary

WAYS & MEANS

As I engage my duties as the new Ways and Means Chairman, I want to say "thank you" to Don Rebtoy and Dede Ross for their years of service in this position.



Also, I ask for members support and suggestions as we look forward to a prosperous 2016. I am announcing the "Hawaiian Getaway Raffle". Jacki and I are offering our timeshare week at the Marriott Beach Club in Kaua'i, Hawaii. Tickets are \$50.00 each and any sales over 40 tickets would go directly to the ACTC bank account. Drawing will be held at the Feb. 2016 ACTC meeting, so get those entry forms submitted.

....Tom

PLEASE NOTE !

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

ACTC GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 5th the ACTC garage sale is being held in conjunction with the Moon Valley Annual Garage Sale.

We have lots of donated items that would not fit into the category of "Raffle" items. The Moon Valley area is between Greenway Parkway and Thunderbird Road and 7th Street to Central Avenue. It will be held at the home of Dede Ross at 627 E. Calavar Road. If you feel you have any items to add to our stash, please bring them to the February meeting.

The sale is being held the same weekend as Midnight at the Oasis. This is an annual happening and the date is beyond our control. Try to visit and join the fun.

....Dede and Don

EDITOR

The Wright Stuff continues to be a worldwide reference for sales of Classic Thunderbirds at Barrett-Jackson Auctions. It has been a featured part of the February *Arizona Bird Chatter* newsletter for the past 19 years, used by CTCI in the *Early Bird*, moves informally through the *ClassicBird* chat site, can be found on the ACTC Website and, no doubt, in a variety of other channels. Thank you, Stewart and Mary!

With the Barrett-Jackson Auction now ending in the last week of January, you will find *The Wright Stuff* has moved to the March issue of the *Arizona Bird Chatter*.

There are two new events in the 2016 calendar that do not have corresponding activity narratives in this issue. First is Tech Day on March 19, look for a write-up in the March issue of this publication. Second is the March 26 Ahwatukee Easter Parade. There will be signup sheets at the February meeting or you may contact Don Henderson for details.

Mrs. Ames and I attended the 2015 CTCI Regional Convention in Albuquerque New Mexico and the 2014 CTCI International Convention in Springfield Missouri. We met lots of fellow *Early Bird* enthusiasts, acquired new knowledge about our classics, and developed a renewed appreciation for all CTCI does for *Early Bird* owners. Having experienced the international and a regional conventional back to back, I can tell you there is a unique camaradery that occurs when 150 or so *Early Birds* gather. We have our reservations for San Diego and I encourage each of you to join us, share a meal and raise a glass to an American automotive icon!

.... Chris Ames

T-BIRD ACTIVITIES

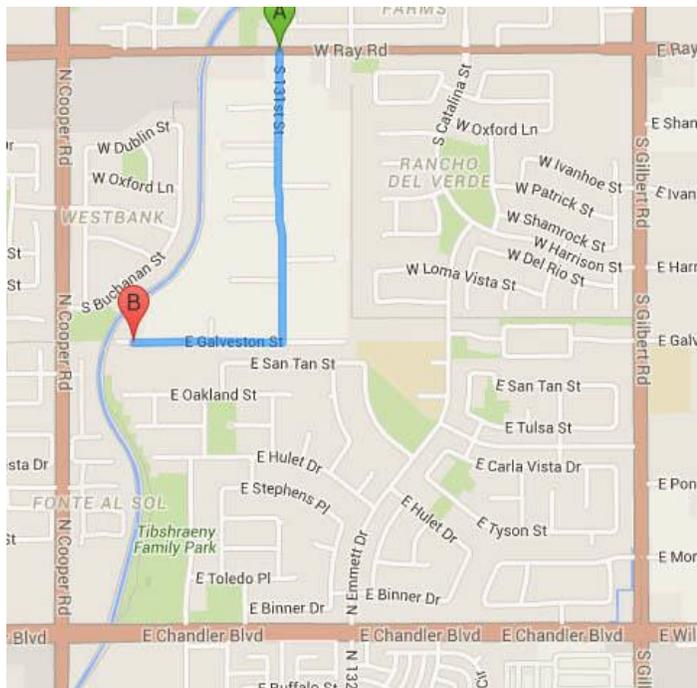
Western Winter Weekend February 20-21, 2016

Our group has grown to 38 cowpokes who are going to saddle up our T-bird horsepower and mosey down to visit the ghost of John Wayne at the [Francisco Grande Hotel and Golf Resort](#) in Casa Grande on February 20, 2016.



Even though the deadline has passed to reserve your hotel room, if you are interested in this overnight get-away, please give me a call at (765) 661-1566. I will see if the hotel has any rooms available.

See the map to help you arrive at the home of Gary & Jamie Thompson - 2125 E. Galveston Street - Chandler beginning at 8:30 am on Saturday, February 20, 2016. We will depart promptly at 9:15 for our scenic drive to Florence. We will have an organized tour of the [Pinal County Historical Museum](#), do some sightseeing, have lunch and then meet up again and continue to the resort.



Happy hour, a western style murder mystery, dinner and dessert will round out our evening.

Sunday could include golf, a massage, a Merle Haggard tribute concert or just a lazy breakfast and

lounging by the pool.

For everyone who has already signed up, I will be sending e-mails to our group with more details. Packets will also be handed out the morning of the 20th with information on things to do in Florence. If you haven't already, please send your check made payable to Jamie Thompson to 2125 E. Galveston Street - Chandler, AZ 85225. The cost is \$45.00 per person or \$90.00 per couple.

To quote The Duke "Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway."

We are happy to be riding with the finest group of pilgrims around these parts.

.... Gary & Jamie Thompson and Tom & Yvonne Wagner



March 4-6, 2016

As [Midnight at the Oasis](#) is rapidly approaching, our club has 18 cars registered, with 11 of them being Thunderbirds.

All of our reserved parking is in our normal location. Each car has been assigned a parking space. The parking location will be printed on the confirmation card that you should receive around mid-January. This year the people from Caballeros de Yuma will be walking around and randomly awarding cash prizes to cars that are parked in their assigned space.

As always there will be a group dinner at the hotel on Saturday night. *If you need to cancel your show and/or room reservation, it must be done through me at Nand1@cox.net or (408) 480-0913.* We have a waiting list, so if you cancel, we can move your registration to a member on stand-by.

.... [Mike Dolan](#)

SILVER ROSE INDUCTION PARADE

Please consider assisting us Saturday, April 16, 2016. We have been asked to carry Vietnam Veterans as our dignitaries in this Fountain Hills Parade...convertibles only please, preferably T-birds but all others accepted. Last year, fellow member Carl Maas and I were volunteer drivers in the Parade carrying 21 Veterans.

This event will honor the victims of Agent Orange. The Induction Ceremony following the Parade will recognize the courage, heroism and contributions

of American Service Personnel found to have been exposed to Agent Orange in a combat zone, whose exposure resulted in internal, invisible wounds which are revealed only by the passage of time. Schedule is as follows:

- 10:45 am Assembly at Fountain Hills American Legion Post 58
- 11:00 am Parade begins promptly, loops around the fountain once, then back to Post 58, approximately 20 minutes.
- 12:30 pm Induction Ceremony (optional attendance for volunteer drivers)
- 1:15 pm Luncheon (optional attendance - \$5.00 charge)

Sign-up sheets will be available at the February, March, and April ACTC meetings or contact me at my home, (480) 816-1450 to register. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

.... Rita Havel

LAS VEGAS ITINERARY April 22-23, 2016



We will be meeting at I-17 and Carefree Highway on Friday morning the 22 and will be departing at 9:30 AM sharp. I will have packets with a map to the hotel, along with a map and information for the Saturday morning trip to the [Neon Boneyard](#) as well as the information for the afternoon trip to the [Shelby](#) operation.

We will be staying at the [Westgate LVH](#) (the old Las Vegas Hilton). I have made arrangements for our group to check-in through the VIP check-in line. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at (800) 635-7711 and ask for the AZ Classic Thunderbird Club rate of \$89.00. I got the cost of the boneyard tour reduced to \$10 but I have to pay in advance. You are on your own for dinner Friday night, but for the Daredevils and the people in the group that just want to see who the real Daredevils in the club are, we will meet back at the hotel around 8:00 PM Friday night and head up to the Stratosphere Hotel for a few laughs and giggles.

Saturday morning the plan is to leave for the 10:00 AM boneyard tour at 9:00 AM and return to the hotel for lunch and then go to the Shelby operation. We should be back at the hotel by 2:00ish. That gives everyone time to relax (yeah right) before another cocktail party and then we will take the monorail down to [Battista's Hole In The Wall](#) for dinner. For those of you that still have the energy, we will cruise down to the Fremont experience to witness who is brave enough to ride the "zip line".

As I mentioned before please make your reser-

vations early and let me know how many boneyard tickets I need to buy for you.

Any questions call me at (602) 621-6778.

.... [Frank \(Vegas Baby\) Graziano](#)

ROUTE 66 FUN RUN April 29 - May 1, 2016

The Route 66 Fun Run is Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1, 2016. This is the best annual nostalgic run in Arizona, and you will see about 800 collector cars and drive about 70 miles of original Route 66 on Saturday morning to the car show in Kingman. There is a large Harley run that same weekend this year, and I had a very hard time getting a block of rooms for a reasonable price. You must make your reservations right away if you want to go. This is a two-night event, and we will spend both Friday and Saturday night in Kingman. In the past we have stayed in Williams the first night, and some years in Kingman the second night. In 2014 we spent the second night in Laughlin. Although staying in Kingman both nights means driving about 25 miles further on Saturday morning to get to Seligman where the run starts, it has the advantage that you do not need to check in and out of two different hotels; when you arrive in Kingman on Saturday, you will already have a room and won't need to wait until later in the afternoon to get the room; you can go straight to the car show if you desire.



I have a block of 20 rooms for April 29 and 30 at the [Best Western Wayfarer's Inn](#), 2815 East Andy Devine, Kingman, (928) 753-6271. Ask for the April 29 block under Arizona Classic Thunderbird Club, and give them your name and credit card number. First come, first served. The room is not put on your card until you arrive, and you can cancel 48 hours in advance. Any rooms in our block which are not reserved by members are released on February 1. Cost is \$116.99 for a double queen or king (we have 10 of each) since I said our group was all seniors or AAA. We have stayed at this hotel many times in the past and it is great.

Once you reserve your rooms, please e-mail or call me to let me know you are on the trip. DO THIS RIGHT AWAY since we have had such a hard time getting rooms this year. I will have additional information about caravanning and activities later once everyone is signed up.

.... [Gregg Thurston](#)
602-509-0456



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Co-hosted by the Early Birds of Southern California
and the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2016 CTCI International Convention. Again this year, the convention is being held close by which makes it an easy trip for our club to attend. ACTC is the largest CTCI chapter. Let's show up in force and show the rest of the country what an active and enthusiastic chapter we are.

The Early Birds of Southern California and the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego have joined together to host the convention whose theme is "Fun, Fun, Fun in the California Sun". Planned events are: Welcome Party Pool Side, Polynesian style; Tour on the USS Midway aircraft carrier museum with lunch on the bow; Corvette Challenge at the Corvette Diner; Scenic Coastal Cruise drive to the San Diego Botanic Garden; Outing to Viejas Casino and Outlet Center; Old Town Trolley tours; Concours d'Elegance and Awards Banquet. A detailed description of these events, and entry form and the convention agenda can be found on the CTCI web site at www.ctci.org.

If you think that you might attend, it is important to book your hotel reservations as soon as possible. The reservation can always be cancelled if your plans change. To make your hotel reservation contact the Crowne Plaza, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 at 619 297-1101 or visit the special web site at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/b4dc3de6>. Be sure to mention the 2016 Thunderbird Convention for the room rate of \$124 a night.

As mentioned above, the clubs have planned many fun activities.

- Wed. Sept 14: Registration; Ask the Experts Seminar; Welcome Party
- Thu. Sept 15: Judges Training; U.S.S. Midway Tour & Lunch
- Fri. Sept. 16: Owners/Judges Meeting; Concours d'Elegance; Trolley Tour: Casino; Corvette Challenge Dinner at Corvette Diner
- Sat. Sept 17: Swap meet; Scenic Coastal Drive; Awards Banquet
- Sun. Sept 18: Return Home

For those wishing to caravan to San Diego, I will lead one group on Tuesday, Sept 13 to be there in time for the Wednesday afternoon Board meeting and membership meeting.

I am looking for a volunteer to lead a group to San Diego on Wednesday, Sept 14.

For more information, contact Chuck Thompson, (480) 773-0222 or cthompson57@cox.net.



CLASSIC CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE: 1957 Thunderbird Automatic Transmission (I updated my drive train). Like New! Rebuild less than 10,000 miles ago.. It runs and shifts nice. Asking \$750.00. Will deliver within in Arizona or you can pick up in Prescott area.

For further info please contact Walt Howell at (520)-251-1388 or Ken Falkenberry at (480)-861-3742.

FOR SALE: 2004 Thunderbird limited production Pacific Coast edition. It is number 899 of the 1000 built. This car has all the options and with only 19,000 miles it still smells new.

Call Jim at (602) 300-5792.

FOR SALE: 292 CID engine that runs well, does burn oil or smoke. Came in my '56, but the casting number is B9AE 6015-F which maps to '59 & '60 Ford cars and trucks. I had Salem Boys do a compression test before I removed it form the car, cylinders range from 115 to 130 psi. Asking \$500.00. Located in Queen Creek.

Call Chris at (602) 722-0749.

FORE SALE: 2010 Vespa Scooter 150, with approximately 50 miles on it. Asking \$3,200.00.

If interested, call Ruth Wilson at (831)596-1192

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