

CLASSIC THUNDERBIRDS OF SAN DIEGO

THE BIRDS EYE VIEW



From the President

February, 2023

Greetings Fellow Thunderbirders,

Well here it is February and we are well on our way to a very active and event filled year for our club. I would first like to say, thanks for having me as the president and it is an honor to serve this fine club. Well, we held our January meeting at a new location which was great, and we had some new members attend (which was also great). It was really nice to see everyone in person and to see new additions of Thunderbirds in the parking lot. You can read the minutes included in the newsletter, however here are some highlights.

- Meeting time is changed from **2:00pm to 1:00pm** , the location will vary.
- We will continue to have a 50/50 raffle at our meetings.
- We will have a “shop day” at John Davison’s garage, hopefully at least quarterly.
- Also, we are going to try to be more community service oriented.
- Alan Cutsinger will be working on club jackets and Gary Allard is working on a potential new LOGO design as well. If you have a club jacket please bring it with you to the Botanical Gardens meeting so we might have examples to see and consider.
- Shelly and Gary’s work on our website, Instagram and Facebook sites. Shelly also put together an events calendar. Stellar work!

I would like to remind everyone that our next meeting will be at the San Diego Botanical Gardens in Encinitas on February 26. A few members from another

Thunderbird Club will also be joining us. There is ample parking so I urge you to dust off your Thunderbird and get rolling. Again, please bring your club jacket so Alan can show examples of past jackets.

One of the things I really appreciated about Dave Durrill (our Past President) was that he urged us to stay in contact with one another and to check on each other too. With that, it saddens me to report that early last week Bob Hummer broke his hip. He has had surgery and is now in a recovery facility. Donna will let me know when he is able to receive visitors. Wouldn't it be great if we could have a club member visit him every other day or so. Please consider visiting him if you can. I also told Donna to reach out to any of us if she needs any help. This is a lasting legacy from earlier times that we must continue. If you have a need, please let us know how we can help you as well!

See you at the Botanic Garden.

Cheers,

Mitch Villalpando

Meeting Minutes from January 22,2023

Meeting brought to order at 2:15 pm by President Mitch Villalpando at Elijah's Restaurant located 7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego. There was an introduction of the 2023 Officers of Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego. President; Mitch Villalpando, Vice President; John Davison, Secretary; David Durrill; and Treasurer; Shelly Bowen; . Then all member introduced themselves.

Mitch Villalpando' last year's Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report and explained we are still in transition to the new Treasurer and still have some details to wrap up. Overall, the club is in good financial shape.

Two action items were presented by the President which was to bring back a 50/50 Raffle at future meetings as a way to raise funds for the club. The second item is to change the time of future club meetings with location varying including meeting at some car shows throughout the year. Both items passed. After some open discussion, it was voted to have the meeting time changed to 1pm. We will also be having a 50/50 Raffle at future meetings.

A CTSD Event Calendar was passed out with dates of future events and meetings that the club is aware of. More events will be added throughout the year. Next month, the February meeting will be held at the San Diego Botanic Garden in Encinitas. A flyer was included in the January newsletter and is also emailed to the membership. Included in the Event Calendar is a list of Cars and Coffee events throughout the area and their schedules. It is hoped that people going will try to inform the club so that others can meet up. Bob Schlotter is going to try to arrange for a meeting at the San Diego Automotive Museum in Balboa Park.

John Davison is trying to arrange a Shop Day at his garage so that people can see the underside of a Thunderbird. It is hoped to take place in March, He is also working on a Memorial Day Weekend rally. Details on both events to come. He also is trying to plan some events in partnership with the Early V8 Club.

There was open discussion of upcoming car shows, many which are not on the calendar yet. The Motorcars on Main Street show in Coronado was just announced and is being held On Sunday, April 30. Registration is now open.

Gary Allard is our Director of Social Media and has gotten CTSD into the modern era with Facebook and Instagram and we are getting traffic from these two platforms.

Meeting adjourned about 3:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by David Durrill, Secretary



Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego Calendar of Events



February

Saturday 25: Kearny High Car Show 9am - 2pm (highly recommended)

Sunday 26: 2pm Club Meeting and Botanic Garden tour

March

Sunday 26: 1pm Club Meeting STP Bar and Grill 5487 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

April

Sunday 30: 1pm Club Meeting combined with Motorcars on Main Street Coronado

May

Sunday 7: All Ford Picnic/car show Santee Lakes

Saturday 27: Memorial Day Car Tour (details forthcoming)

Sunday 28: 1pm Club Meeting Embarcadero North following "All things Carrol Shelby car show"

June

Sunday 25: Club Meeting/Garden of Innocence Fundraiser/Car Show El Camino Memorial Park

July

Coronado 4th of July Parade

Sunday 23: Club Meeting 1pm TBD

Saturday 29: Main Street America Embarcadero Marina Park North

August

Sunday 27: Club Meeting TBD

September

Sunday 24: Club Meeting TBD

October

Sunday 22: Club Meeting TBD

November

Saturday 18: Club Meeting/Toys 4 Tots Drive

December

Saturday 2: Club Meeting/Holiday Party

Please watch for emails of added events or changes

NOTE: Club meetings have changed to 1pm, starting March 2023 unless otherwise noted.

For more car gatherings check out our web sites and/or log on to

<https://www.sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org/events>

Motorcars on MainStreet 2023
Registration is now Open!
Limited to 400

CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

MotorCars *on MainStreet*



SUNDAY / APRIL 30 / 2023
LIVE MUSIC / 10:00 AM TO 3:00PM / PRIZES

CORONADO
MAIN STREET

DISCOVER
Coronado
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

**CUMMING
CHEVROLET**

7TH Annual
ALL THINGS
Carroll
SHELBY
Car Show

Hosted by
 SoCal Shelby American Automobile Club
 San Diego Region

SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2023
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This show highlights the cars made famous by Carroll Shelby through his years as a racer/builder. See the reverse side explaining the cars we will be judging during this show. This show is also open to other High-Performance Ford Cars, Trucks, and Hot Rods, which will be judged separately.

You must PRE-REGISTER for this show in your class. Use this Form or online form. Entry Fee \$40.00 must be received by Fri., June 16, 2023, NO EXCEPTIONS. One form per car. No "Day of Show Registrations" will be accepted. Show limited to 350 cars.

Location: **Embarcadero Marina Park-North**
 (south end of Kettner Blvd.)
Seaport Village, San Diego

Catered food for purchase (many restaurants nearby)
 Trophies, Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, Adult & Kids games
 Open to the public. Socially behaved dogs allowed.
 All events subject to change.

★ ★ PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ★ ★

WARRIOR FOUNDATION
FREEDOM STATION

Main Street America | July 29

- Saturday, July 29, 2023
 - 10:00 AM 3:00 PM
 - Embarcadero Marina Park North ([map](#))
- Main Street America Presented By Corvette Owners Club of San Diego

Saturday, July 29th, 2023 - 10am - 3pm

Location of Event: Embarcadero Marina Park North

Car Show, Music, Voting, Awards, Raffle, Food \$35 Registration Fee Info: Craig Moya - 619-723-2020 or cjm01awt@gmail.com - www.cocsd.com





Tour of San Diego Botanic Garden
February 26, 2023; in Encinitas
in conjunction with Earlybirds of SoCal

It's not too late! Are you in? We are!!

Carol and Gary Noyes

Bill and Dee

Mitch and Elaine

Dan and Linda

Geoff and Barbara

Dave Durrill + Guest

Celia and Bob

Shelly and Gary

Tom and Gigi (Shelly and Gary's guests)

Alan and Kate Cutsinger

And four couples from the Earlybirds:

Freitags, Harris', Hitchcock's and Schrags

free parking in a private, gated area; separate entrance

**arrival 1:40–1:55 pm; we must enter as a group and leave as
a group at 4:15–4:30 pm (tram avail.)**

**230 Quail Gardens Dr., off Encinitas Blvd from I-5
(do not turn at sign for "Garden Parking")**

only \$11 per person

**contact Carol Noyes at 760-803-4460 for more info or last
minute sign ups.**



2023 DUES

Name(S) _____
 Address _____

 Telephone/ Cell _____
 E-mail _____
 Thunderbird Year(s)/ Color(S) _____

Single Membership \$20.00 _____

Dual Membership \$30.00 _____

Make checks out to CTSD and mail to:

CTSD Treasurer, S. Bowen
5663 Balboa Ave, #479
San Diego, CA 92111

Thank you to the following members who have renewed for 2023!

Alex Alonzo and Janet Nelson
 Tony Allen
 Lanny and Jane Arrowsmith
 Charlie Bach
 Sam and Diane Battaglia
 Evita Beas
 Shelly Bowen and Gary Allard
 Dave and Lori Bryan
 Mark and Misty Cedrun
 Alan and Kate Cutsinger
 David Durrill
 Bob and Donna Hummer
 Bill and Dee Hydrick
 Dale and Linda Lee
 Paul Mears and Taylor Miller
 Gary Meyers

Gary and Carol Noyes
 Gene and Irwin Pellerin
 Dan and Linda Regan
 Don Schlacht and Sharon Jones
 Bob and Celia Schlotter
 Hal Sealund
 Bill Speer and Marsi Steirer
 Alvin and Stacy Thompson
 Mitch and Elaine Villalpando
 Geoff Wahl and Barbara Parker
 Mark and Wendy Waldow
 Dave Whitton

Honorary Members

Helen Klein
 Helen and Maria-Elena O'Hara

If you have paid and you don't see your name here, please email tbirdsofsandiego@gmail.com. If you still need to send in your membership dues (\$20 for single/\$30 for double), there's still time! **Please note that if we don't hear from you before the next newsletter is sent out, you will no longer receive club emails.**

Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego

CTCI Chapter 24

2023 Officers: President: Mitch Villalpando

Vice President: John Davison

Secretary: David Durrill

Treasurer: Shelly Bowen

Social Media Director: Gary Allard

Directors: Bill Speer, Dan Regan, Bob Schlotter

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www.instagram.com/tbirdsofsandiego

www.facebook.com/groups/CTSD24

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