

# CLASSIC THUNDERBIRDS OF SAN DIEGO

## THE BIRDS EYE VIEW



### *From the President*

*February, 2023*

Greetings Flock,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying dry. And hopefully you've acclimated to the daylight saving time change. (Personally I wish we would stay at standard time. It takes me a week to get used to it). Looks like we still have some Spring rain coming this week, so stay safe and dry. Here's a quick update of "what's up" with our club.

**First...**Shout-out to Carol and Gary Noyes for arranging our meeting at the Botanic Gardens in Encinitas. Weather and fellowship was great and it was fun to have other T-Birders there from The Early Birds club from SoCal. The docents and staff were friendly and accommodating.

**Coming up...**Our next meeting will be at STP Bar and Grill in the Clairemont Mesa area. The address is **5487 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92117** in an area called Madison Square. Don't forget our new time is 1300 hrs. or 1:00 p.m. and since the rain will be gone, fire up the "baby bird" and let's fill the parking lot with nostalgia! Also, for our April meeting we will be in Coronado at the Motor Cars on Main Street car show. This is one of the best car shows in SoCal for many reasons; good time of year, music, food, outstanding display of vehicles and it's a great location! We've done this for the past few years now, we bring a chair and have a quick meeting and then enjoy the wonderful atmosphere in Coronado. Typically, Bill Speer has an open house with coffee and donuts prior to the opening of the show and then we *migrate* over to the car show. Now, it would be great to have 20 or more 1st generation Thunderbirds there in the car show (please register asap, because this car show fills up early), but if you can't participate in the car show don't let that stop you from coming out and enjoying the day.

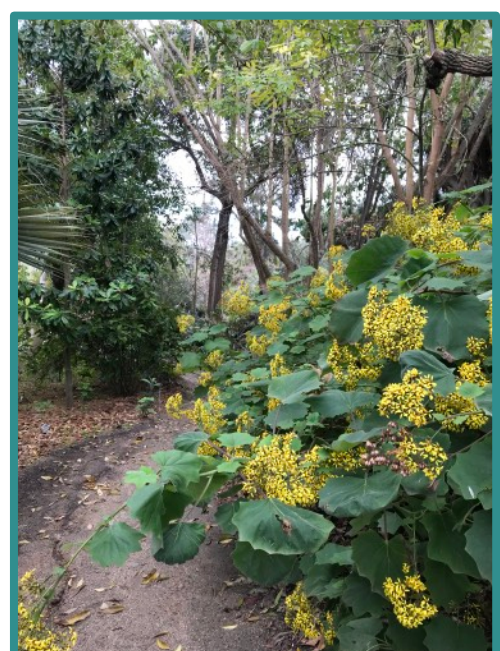
**Old Business...**At the Botanic Gardens, Alan Cutsinger discussed our jackets and potential ordering of new jackets. He has been in contact with the embroidery company and they will add our new logo (when we decide on the new one) to their files. If anyone has questions or ideas concerning our jackets let me or Alan know. Gary Allard is working on our logo to update it with color and definition and has asked for digital copies of it if any has one.

**On another note....**We have a couple events to put in your calendar, besides the ones mentioned above; 1. May 7...All Ford Picnic for all years. (Not a car show). 2. Memorial weekend cruise...Actual day to be determined, probably the Saturday or Sunday before the actual Memorial Day which is May 29.

Also, I spoke to Bob Hummer and he is recovering nicely from his broken hip. He expressed that he can't wait to get back home! If you have a chance, give him or Donna a call to encourage them. Congratulations to Geoff Wahl, he and his Thunderbird have been accepted in the La Jolla Concours de Elegance in April. Way to go Geoff!

I want to thank all of you for taking the time to read the newsletter and participating in our events. Sometimes it is the simplest things in life that spark joy in us and in the people around us. Like taking the time to drive the T-Bird. Seeing the "Classics" out on the road may trigger a fond memory for someone you don't even know. Think of it, you touched a complete stranger and maybe, just maybe, made their day. That's all for now and see you Sunday.

Cheers, Mitch





# Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego Calendar of Events



## 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>

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**

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



★ ★ ★ 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM ★ ★ ★

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](mailto:cjm01awt@gmail.com) - [www.cocsd.com](http://www.cocsd.com)



**Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego**

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Don't forget to visit our website, Facebook page and Instagram for the latest.

**Tbird Club Meeting:  
March 26, 2023, 1PM  
STP Bar and Grill:  
5487 Clairemont  
Mesa Blvd**