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The Central Florida Thunderbird Club

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December was a busy month for our Club. The month started on Dec 11th with our annual Mt. Dora Sunset boat cruise. The weather was good and we almost filled the two boats. As we have in past years, we saw the local bald eagle and a rocket launch. Sorry, no clear pix of the eagle. The sunset was beautiful.



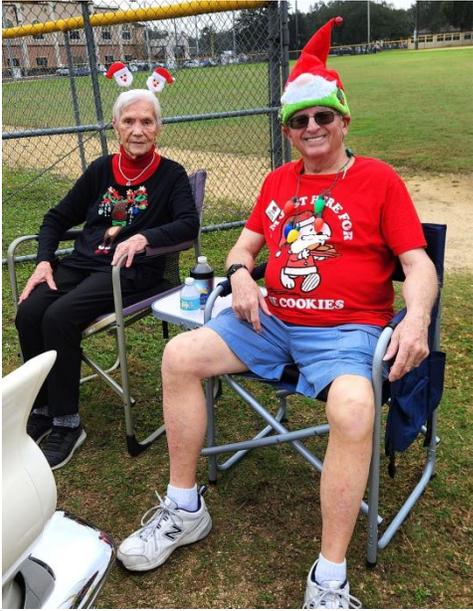


After the cruise and before dinner at The Lakeside Inn, some members walked around Mt Dora looking at the beautiful Christmas decorations



Sandy and Joel having a romantic dinner for two.





Craig and Justine participated in The Villages Christmas Parade



Our next event was the Christmas Party, Dec 14, at the home of Carole and Don Ferguson. There was a lot of good food, a fun gift exchange and wonderful fellowship.





Nothing says Christmas like a well-dressed man!
That's David Mainz in all his Christmas glory!

A Christmas Gift from CTCI - a \$500 refund on our club's seed money for Grapevine T- Bird convention

On Dec 27th Randy and Kelly had an After-Christmas Party at their Hippie Hideaway. Our Club and the British Car Club had a fun evening in perfect weather. Dogs were also invited, and two doggie guests were there to keep Kelly's and Randy's dog company.



WELCOME to new member, Larry Witte. Larry has a red, 1966 Thunderbird. Larry is pictured on the right with Jerry, Ralph and Craig.

*****SAT, JAN 24, 2026 - BROWNWOOD CRUISE-IN**

This is filled right now. Ralph is working on getting us more spaces. This is for ALL year T-Birds. More on this event later.

*******3rd Saturday every month car show!!*******

Craig Cook and Ralph Cowell attended the 2nd Classic Cars and BBQ cruise-in held from 4-7pm at the Spruce Creek Shops on Rt 441. This is at the light with McDonald's and CVS on the corners; go to the right to the front of Innovative Concrete Coatings.

At the Dec cruise-in, Craig, in his Christmas finery, posed with Santa ad Marti won third prize for his beautiful Thunderbird.



You MUST RSVP John at 352-1913-1547

so that he can have enough parking spaces and food. This event is done RIGHT! There are BBQ ribs, beans, slaw, dessert and cold bottles of water. There is a 50/50 drawing with half the money going to Cancer Research. There are trophies, window plaques and participant voting. There are shaded areas, music and available indoor bathrooms. Plus, there is a great ice cream parlor next door! Thanks to John and his family and staff for a great new event!

On a sad note: During the night of Dec 28, member Bill Juarsch passed away peacefully in his sleep. Bill was an active member, doing the 50/50, attending all cruise-ins until his health kept him from fully participating. Please keep Mary Pat and family in your prayers.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Jan 5 – 11 am – Meeting at Gio’s -A few seats available. RSVP to Ralph if you can attend. See attachment to cover letter.

Saturday Jan 24th Classic Car Showcase – Brownwood 5-8 P M – Room for 20 T- Birds, all years. Hopefully more spaces will become available! Already have 20 members plus backup

February: 15th??? Harbor Hills Country Club Sunday Brunch 11:30 for Valentines event. Date TBA. Driving event. Birds parked under front portico

Possible Spanish Springs car show featuring T- Birds March 17 - St. Patrick’s Day

Date TBA for a potluck St Pat’s Party @ new member David Mainz 50’s décor home in Orlando- Rent a coach- approx \$30 a person/round trip

Car Show : Jan. Feb. March. On the 3 rd Saturday 4-7 P M @ the strip mall off 441 / MacDonald’s on corner.

Put on by Innovative Concrete owner John

RSVP for number of spaces & food. 50/50 drawing trophies/music/Buffer lunch

Future Meetings –

First Monday of the month @ 11 A M-12:30.

March- May- Oct – November

Posted in Saturday Daily Sun

Gio’ Back room –

Capacity 30. Over 30 eat in the Restaurant and then join the meeting.

We hope to see you at most, hopefully all, of the upcoming Club Activities.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!