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## Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego, CTCI Chapter 24 San Diego, California

October 2018

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### President's Message

September was a very busy month for Thunderbird activities. If you missed the September picnic, you missed a great time, wonderful fellowship and delicious food from Phil's BBQ. To start the day off, the weather was perfect with a gentle summer breeze blowing through the grove of oak trees to keep the day very comfortable. Our final head count was 72 attendees which is a great turnout. we had a number of attendees from the EarlyBirds of Southern California and some other clubs. It was wonderful to have a great time seeing many of not only our own members, but those of some of the other clubs. It was particularly nice seeing Helen Klein and Gene /Irwin Pellerin.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Alan and Kate Cutsinger for their setting up and organizing this wonder event. This is what helps make our chapter great.

The Saturday prior to the picnic, my wife Jan and I were the solo Chapter 24 representatives at the Pageant of the Thunderbird in Orange County. There were Thunderbirds of almost every year on display. Needless to say, there were some very fine Classic Birds on display in addition to both Larry's Thunderbird and Prestige Thunderbird having vendor booths. One could have knocked me over with a feather when I took home a 1st place trophy for the 1956 class.

The EarlyBirds of Southern California put on a wonderful show.

On Sunday, September 30, five Classic Thunderbirds and several other great cars were featured on KUSI with Dave Stall to promote an Air Show with Classic Car display at the Ramona Airport. The five Thunderbirds were owned by Chapter 24 members, Alan Cutsinger, Don See, Mitch Villalpando, John Dempsey with son Travis with an original 56 Ford 100 pickup and David/ Jan Durrill. The Air show and Car show took place the following Saturday. There were a number of vintage aircraft flying including a Marine trainer SNJ and several Navy Stearman Byplanes. We were also treated to a flyby of the B-17 Flying Fortress, Sentimental Journey. There was also a static display of an early cold war era Russian Mig fighter.

As we enter the fourth quarter of the year, I hope to finish up the year on a high note. We have a great Christmas party planned in addition to only two more meetings left this year. It takes a wonderful group of people to make a great club and our club has some great talent. It is that time of year to start thinking about what talent you might have to offer Chapter 24. November is the month in which we elect our Board for the following year. Please consider what you might have to offer.

Next year will be a banner year for Chapter 24 as we celebrate 50 years.

Please read the newsletter for Dues notice, Christmas Party reservations and Calendar of Events for the next several months.

Sincerely,

David Durrill, President

Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego

Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego Club Website: [www.tbirdsofsandiego.com](http://www.tbirdsofsandiego.com)



Kearny Pearson Ford  
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# 2019 Dues Renewal and Party RSVP



Single Membership name \_\_\_\_\_

Dual Membership name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address

Phone Numbers (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

# *Christmas Party RSVP*

Members Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Names \_\_\_\_\_

Dual \$30.00

Party RSVP      Members X \$30.00

*Total* \_\_\_\_\_

*Make Checks payable To CTSD and mail or bring to meeting*

# UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

2018



## OCTOBER

- 28 Sunday 2:00pm Regular Meeting Kearny Pearson Ford
- Think about volunteering for the CTSD Board
- 31 Monday, Happy Halloween

## NOVEMBER

- 11 Sunday, Happy Veteran's Day
- 18 Sunday Regular Meeting Kearny Pearson Ford, NOTE this is 3rd Sunday  
Due to 4th Sunday being Thanksgiving weekend
- 22 Thursday, Happy Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

- 2 Sunday, La Jolla Christmas Parade 12:30pm
- 8 Saturday 11:30am CTSD Annual Christmas Party, Admiral Baker Clubhouse

This closes out the 2018 Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego Calendar  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL**

## JANUARY 2019

- 27 Sunday, Regular meeting 2pm at Kearny Pearson Ford

Each month, items will be added and dates are subject to change

### CLUB PHOTOS NEEDED

To all Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego member, we are working on a slide show for our annual Christmas party as well as our upcoming 50th Anniversary party early next year. We are looking for any interesting pictures that you may have of past club events, your Thunderbird in a scenic location and a photo of you and your Thunderbird(s). If you have any vintage photos, please scan them or bring them to the next meeting or picnic. We need these ASAP. Please don't forget to caption or label the photos. Digital photos and scans can be sent to either David Durrill or Mitch Villalpando. This should be fun.



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For additional information visit the Council website





# *Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego*

## *Annual Christmas Party*

*Saturday, December 8, 2018*

*11:00 am -3:00 pm*

Admiral Baker Clubhouse

2400 Admiral Baker Rd., San Diego 92124

\$30.00 for Members      \$40.00 for Guests

*50/50 Raffle      Raffle prize*

**Make Checks out to CTSD**

**Mail to:**

**Mitch Villalpando**

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# President's Challenge

Plan on going to the Classic Thunderbirds of San Diego Christmas party?  
You don't want to miss it. Great venue, delicious food, prizes and best of all, your friends will be there.

Speaking of prizes, you can earn extra raffle tickets for free by paying both your 2019 dues and Christmas party reservation on or before Sunday , November 18th, 2018.

**CONTEST**

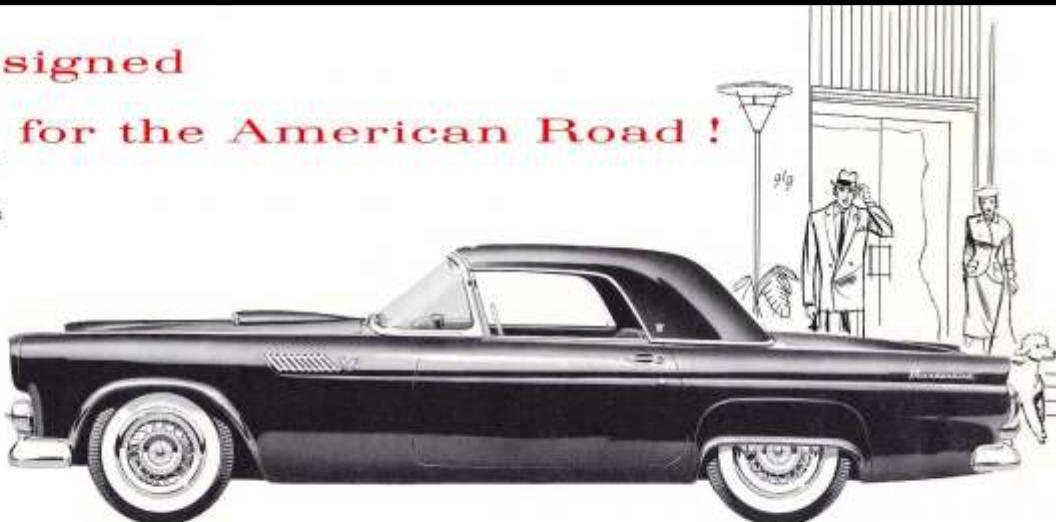
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# CTSD Picnic 2018

## Deer Springs Park and Winery





# **Pageant of The Thunderbird**

## **David Durrill**



### **Filming at KUSI**

#### **David Durrill**



# In memoriam, Joe Blazick

It is with great sadness that I have to announce the passing of prior member, Joe Blazick. His services were on Thursday, October 4, 2018 after battling several illnesses this past year. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Pat and their family. Joe was a active member of Chapter 24 for several years and loved daring his bright red, morphed 56 T-Bird. He loved north county cruise nights and especially the Chicken Pie Diner Cruise Night in Poway.

~ David Durill

Hugh and Rochelle Samuels had this to say:  
**MR. GRUFF**, not really, a true pussy cat once known. Joe was a very giving friend, including his life, knowledge of coins and eating places with great value! Joe and I were only 30 miles apart in New York, but never met there. We had to come all the way across county and love T-Birds so that we could enjoy a wonderful friendship. Joe will be truly missed! And his lovely wife Pat who is going to move to Montana so she can be with her son and his family.



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David Durrill

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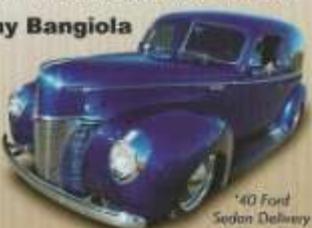
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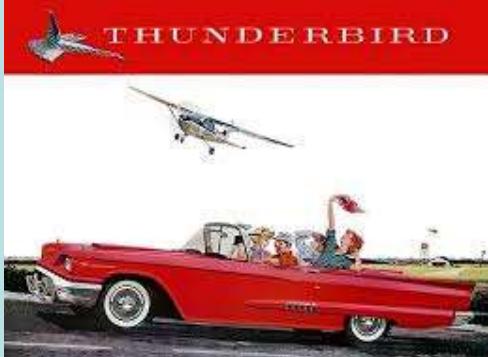
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**OCT 28th 2018 NEXT club meeting**