

San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club



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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Every February we celebrate Valentine's Day by giving flowers, candy and cards to those we love. We do this in honor of Saint Valentine. You may be wondering, "Who is St. Valentine"? Time to brush up on your Valentine's history!

Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served during third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those that were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine, decided this decree just wasn't fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine's actions he had him put to death.

Another legend has it that Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailor's daughter. Before he was put to death he sent the first 'valentine' himself when he wrote her a letter and signed it 'Your Valentine', words still used on cards today.

Perhaps we'll never know the true identity and story behind the man named St. Valentine, but this much is for sure...February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating clear back to the Middle Ages. In fact, Valentines ranks second only to Christmas in number of greeting cards sent.



Another valentine gentleman you may be wondering about is Cupid (Latin cupido, "desire"). In Roman mythology Cupid is the son of Venus, goddess of love. His counterpart in Greek mythology is Eros, god of love. Cupid is often said to be a mischievous boy who goes around wounding both gods and humans with his arrows, causing them to fall in love.

February 2012

SCHEDULED EVENTS

02/11 Business Meeting/Jim's Restaurant, 8:30am
02/11 Lunch Run—Hermanson's Steak House—Hondo
02/14 Valentine's Day
02/22 4th Wed Nite Out-Spaghetti Warehouse




BIRTHDAYS

05 Carroll Putnam
07 Norman Brinkmeyer
15 Frances Booker
17 Anne Morris
19 Troy Rowe



ANNIVERSARIES

09 George/Lillian Kiolbassa

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Chester's	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Chester's	9	10	11 Business Meeting/ Lunch Run
12	13	14 	15 Chester's	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 4th Wed Nite Out	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

02/11 LUNCH RUN



Hermann Sons Steak House * 577 Hwy. 90 E * Hondo * 830-426-2220

4th WEDNESDAY NIGHT OUT


1226 East Houston Street * San Antonio * 78205-2033
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**SAN ANTONIO CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD
CLUB**

January 14, 2012—MINUTES



President Buzz Durio called the January 14th meeting of the San Antonio Classic Thunderbird Club to order at 8:42.

Guest and New Members: We had no new members or guests.
Minutes: A motion was made by Laura Bitterly and seconded by Cora Mauldin to approve the January minutes.

Financial Report: Troy Rowe gave the financial report. A motion to accept the report was made by Dave Sustman and seconded by George Kiolbassa.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized.

Sick Call: Dave Sustman and Glenn Hall were both at the meeting and feeling better.

Old Business: Board Members were appointed at the December Meeting They are 1 year- Ken Rowe, 2 years- Nelle Jenkins, 3 years - Don Meynig

New Business: A lunch run will be scheduled after the February monthly meeting. A vote was taken between Bill and Rosa's in D'Hanis and Hermann Sons Steak House in Hondo. The steak house won. George Kiolbassa will try to schedule a trip to the log cabin in Castroville. There was interest in taking the steam train ride again. Buzz will check to see when the train will be running. Buzz will also check on the best time to attend the La Grange fly-in.

A motion was made by Dave Sustman and seconded by George Kiolbassa to adjourn the meeting at 9:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Murphy
Secretary



Uncle Kar Boorator Sez:



**"Some days you are the bug,
Some days you are the windshield!"**

Cancellation Notice

January 10, 2012



Dear Friends of the St. Patrick's Day Parade:

On behalf of The Harp and Shamrock Society of Texas it is with a heavy heart that I write to tell you that we are unable to stage the St. Patrick's Day parade in 2012. The escalating costs of the parade of over \$12,000 for the permit, barricades, police, insurance and the reviewing stand and lack of city support and assistance make it impossible to continue this tradition.

Some of you have been with us for the full 44 years of our parade's existence and we know you will feel the loss of our annual expression of pride in our Irish heritage as strongly as we do. The history of the Irish in San Antonio is linked not only to the history of San Antonio itself but to your own history as a representative of the San Antonio community.

We are working to develop funding and sponsorship for future street parades. If you have contacts in the downtown business community, you could let them know that the parade is a crowd pleaser and an event that attracts not only the tourist community but represents many of the other ethnic groups that make up the story of San Antonio. It wouldn't hurt to let your Council Person know (see attached list) how much this small but community oriented parade means to you and your group, especially the children who have been the nucleus of our parade year after year.

We will continue our presence in the St. Patrick's Day celebration by maintaining our partnership with Paseo del Rio Association in dyeing the river green with a river parade as we have done for almost as long as we've had the street parade. We're also working on a fund raising Irish celebration at Beethoven Halle und Garten on March 17. We hope you will be able to join us for these two events. There will be more about these events on our website www.harpandshamrock.org.

With the support of our city and business leaders downtown, we hope to be able to re-stage one of the longest running St. Patrick's Day Parades in Texas. In the meantime, we thank you for your participation all these years. You were the spirit and joy of our parade through rain, wind, cold and heat and occasional sunburn and we hope it was as exciting and joyous for you as it was for those of us in the Harp and Shamrock Society who worked on the Parade. We hope to see you again.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Dowd, Chairman

Harp and Shamrock Society Parade Committee



EVENTS CALENDAR 2012



**The 2012 CTCI International Convention, Memphis, TN
Birds on Beale!
August 21—25, 2012**

**The Cook Convention Center
Convention Chair: Rick Miller 901-861-2387
Registration Chair: Terry Patton 901-867-4055
Registration/Hotel Reservations: Memphisthunderbirds.com**

The Concourse will be indoors at the Convention Center, and Beale Street, the Mississippi River, Sun Studio, Graceland, and World Famous BBZ are all on the agenda. All are just a short trolley ride, or walk, from the Convention Center, and special rates are available for Convention attendees. Information about the hotels, the Agenda, and Convention Registration is available at:

<http://memphisthunderbirds.com/2012-convention/reservationsandregistration.html>

BELATED CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011 PICTURES

Cora Maulden & Jere Lee

Helen was certainly styling that night!!





Everyone looked so festive!



Del, CE & Betty—Below Harvey & Nelle





AMTRACK OUTING Submitted by Ken Rowe

Six Tee Birders took a ride to the Amtrack station to go through the Amtrack Traveling Museum that was here in San Antonio for the public to see their forty year history. Making the trip was Buzz Durio, Dave Sustman, Lillian and George Kiolbassa, Troy and Ken Rowe. We walked through seven or eight baggage cars full of exhibits of uniforms, dinnerware, route maps, and hbo miniature train set-ups. One display had six train horn setups that you could push a button and hear them honk. They were tuned down so that you could hear them at a much, much lower volume. Being an ex-school teacher, Troy pushed a button or two to check them out. They all worked. I forgot to mention that Buzz was in uniform; he wore his Amtrack ball cap. It was a nice morning spent, but I think we all were looking forward to seeing their newer coaches and dining cars, sleepers, etc. No one was allowed in the locomotive, because I'm sure they figured that people like George would somehow set it to moving. The part of the trip that I really enjoyed was our stop at the Spaghetti Warehouse. There was a Soccer Tournament in town and there must have been several hundred Kids of all sizes also having lunch the same time as us. There was no problem after a short wait for a table we were met with good service and as always delicious food.

Amtrack Outing Pic



Clear Springs Café Pics



MORNING FUNNIES
Submitted by Neal Johnston



WORKING IT OUT

BY CHARLOS GARY



REMINDER:

IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012, PLEASE E-MAIL ME AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO SEND YOU A MEMBERSHIP FORM.

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Last November I took a longbow-making course taught by Tom Turgeon at the Woodcraft store in San Antonio. Tom is a well-respected Master Bowyer and teaches his class more than twenty times annually throughout the United States.

In a side conversation, Tom and I were talking about military service and he mentioned that he felt that the men and women of the Armed Forces have made great sacrifices in their selfless service to our country. Since he had not been in the military, he would like to give back in some way, perhaps teach a class for wounded soldiers. I thought that was a great idea and told Tom I would like to help him make that possible.

We made contact with the Warrior Family Support Center at Ft. Sam Houston and we have set up the first class for the evenings of March 5, 6, and 7 at their facility at Ft. Sam Houston. We can't do the class during the daytime because the soldiers are in therapy.

This class normally costs around \$500.00. We are doing it at no expense to the soldiers. We have set the class size at 6 the first time just to make sure that Tom can handle any special needs the soldiers might have.

We need to raise funds to cover the cost of bow-making materials and to create collapsible workbenches with vises to use for this and any further classes we might do. I am also working on arranging a cane carving class later in the year that would also use the benches and vises. All together around \$1800.00 would be ideal. I already have some individual contributions but will gratefully accept more donations.

I mentioned this project at the last T-bird breakfast meeting where a suggestion was made that possibly the club could donate money to help support this effort. If it is legally possible, I would ask that we consider a donation, certainly not for the whole amount, but whatever the club feels is reasonable. There may also be an opportunity for club members to assist us with the class as well as an opportunity to take the cars out there some Saturday morning.

If you are interested in participating in this rewarding project, please call me on my cell (210) 685-6150, home (361) 362-1245 or e-mail me at Cmeynig@wildblue.net

Thanks

Don Meynig
Member, SACTC