

In Memory

Frank R. Furnish 1923-2009 Age 86

We have lost the founding father of the **Thunderbirds of Sonoma**. Frank Furnish was solely responsible for starting our club. Frank was a Highway Patrolman who was on the road with his job. He stopped many 55-56-57 Thunderbird owners to see if they were interested in starting a club. Frank was very successful in his effort. Frank stopped long time member Barrett Lewis. He also stopped Edna Burbank and Conrad Reynolds. While Barrett and Edna are no longer with us, we are fortunate to still have Herb, Conrad and Marty with us and they were in attendance at the Christmas Party. We have Frank to thank for bringing us together. Frank was fairly active in the club until the late 1980's.

Frank and his wife Georgiana kept their Thunderbird after dropping out of the club. As Frank's health continued to deteriorate they sold their Thunderbird. Luckily Frank's car is still in the club that he started. Pat and Jim Arieta purchased Frank's Raven Black 1957 Thunderbird. Frank would be proud, his Thunderbird looks better than new in the hands of Pat and Jim. Plus, the club he started back in 1970 is still going strong and he has earned the respect from all of us. Thank you Frank.

Tim Roden, Newsletter Editor



This picture was taken at Al and Jean Bishop's in the mid-1980's.

Frank (left) created a sunshade for the windshield of our T-Birds.

That is your Newsletter Editor on the right, Tim Roden.