

Thunder Words



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Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club
Chapter 65, Classic Thunderbird Club International



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Prez Says: Many thanks to those who brought birds to the Shrine Cruisin Classics Car Show. Nine beauties in a row! It turned out to be a nice day. **Bob Routh** took two huge trophies for first place; **Marty** took second and **Quentin Moeller** took third. Check out the photos! The location was outstanding with air conditioning, food, and drink. August 29th is the date for **Marty's** tech session in Elkhorn. Shopping for the ladies and a lunch meeting. **Marty's** tech sessions are always a highlight (see page 7). **Jack and Kayla** checked out the drive Ins in Bellevue and near Valley. Valley was the better choice, but dirt and gravel may hinder driving our birds. We're still checking out options (see page 6). We have scheduled a tour of the Nebraska Tractor Museum and testing center for September. Lots of interesting history associated with the museum and testing center. A dinner business meeting will follow at Pizza Ranch (see page 8). **Jack and Kayla** are also planning a fall foliage tour for October. Congratulations to **Gaylan Abood** for being selected chairman of the CTCI Investment Committee. See the July-August Early Bird for info on the Investment Committee. There is also a mystery concerning the "Around the Aviary" article for our club. I'm still trying to find out who submitted the article under my name. Every suspect has denied doing it! Hope to see many of you in the following months. It feels good socializing again with our Birds!

Rob Kinsey, President

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM at the Cruisin' Classics Car Show in Roca, NE, July 25, 2021, by President **Rob Kinsey** with nine members in attendance. **Crystal Swensen**, **Tom's** daughter, and **Bernie Heier**, returning old member brought their 1956 T-Birds. **Lauren Drees** fully recovered from a short illness, brought his silver 1957 T-Bird. It was good to see them joining us again.

Minutes from the June meeting were corrected and a motion and second to approve, passed. There was no Treasurers report, however **Pres. Kinsey** surmised that we still had money to spend.

Old Business:

President Rob Kinsey confirmed that the August meeting would be a tech session at **Marty's** in Elkhorn, NE at noon. Please see newsletter for details. There are plans for the wives and anyone not wanting to be involved in the tech festivities to possibly venture to the local mall.

New Business:

Pres. Kinsey reported that in October 2020, **Gaylan Abood** was selected by **Bob Young** to serve on the CTCI Policy Investment Team. April 6, 2021, **Gaylan** had been appointed Chairman of the CTCI Finance Committee. Page 6 of the July/August Early Bird gives a detailed description of **Gaylan's** committee's efforts.

Activities for the fall meetings were discussed. After **Marty** suggested that the Brownville trip may be too far from home. **Jack** suggested that **Kayla** and he would organize a "Fall Foliage Tour" combined with a "Rally Run for Fun event" in late October. **Rob** suggested visiting a Lincoln tractor museum. He volunteered to investigate the possibility of a tour. **Marty** and **Jack** gave information on the two new local drive-in theaters. It was decided that the Club would be

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asked via the newsletter on the amount of interest of attending a drive-in movie. Other discussion followed with no other plans being set.

There were **no “brags”** as everyone was concerned with getting the cars wiped down after the rain.

CHECK YOUR *NEWSLETTER* FOR ALL OF THE DETAILS ON UPCOMING EVENTS.

President Rob Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 11:22 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Quentin Moeller, Secretary

T-BIRD TECH TALK

By *Martin Bierman*



“Members need some help”

At the Cruis'n Classics car show Sunday July 25, Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club had nine cars in the Thunderbird Class. All the members' cars made it to the show safely but during the show several members had issues with their cars and might need some future help resolving these. **Bob Routh** had a fluid leak in his '55 Torch Red T-Bird that turned out to be a coolant leak as manifested by a large puddle of green fluid under the car's engine. The rain at the beginning of the show hampered identifying the leak.

Lauren Drees reported that his 1957 T-Bird was stumbling on acceleration when cold; it also was running rough. As it warmed up the symptoms disappeared. He has a modern Holley with an electric choke. His soft top was also jammed behind the seat due to the wire-on molding rubbing against the quarter panel cardboard and wind lace. He finally was able to get it free and raise it, but this was after the rain had stopped. **Quentin Moeller's** driver's side electric window on his '57 stopped functioning and made no clicking sound or motor activity at all when working the switch. He also has not been able to place the spring clip on the wiper motor to hold the wiper arms. Lastly, he lost a fender skirt several months ago and has a new one, but it is not painted yet. **Martin Bierman** cleaned out the trunk of his '55 for the car show and removed all his towels. **Jack Sanford** kindly gave him two bath towels to dry his car after the morning rain.

If any club member can offer some advice to our members listed above, I am sure they would appreciate it.



CTCI NEWS

Highlights of Board Video Conference July 9, 2021

- The Board continued their discussions on the next steps in creating a full Strategic Plan, Path Forward, and related Operational Plan (Tactics).
- During the discussions, it was agreed that a Communication Committee is required. The Board is asking for members who would be willing to participate on this committee. Any member interested should contact Brian Carron, President
- An update was presented on the Virtual Convention. It continues to attract visitors. We are all reminded to continue to post pictures to the Virtual Convention at: <https://www.cybirdspace.com> .
- During the Office Activity Report, Garrett Shropshire announced that there was only one candidate so far for any position in the upcoming Board election. We want to remind any member who is interested in being on the board should get their "Candidate Resume" into the office before the August 1 deadline. (See below for more information)
- Several other items of Business were passed by the Board. These included:
 - Agreeing to temporarily purchase website backups and monitoring, while developing a long-term plan and RFP for "Active Website Management".
 - Creating a Budget for the year 2022
 - Use of "Member Comment / Suggestion Form" to document member ideas
 - Agreement on process to handle all member requests that are funneled through ctcioffice@ctci.org
 - Starting in 2022 change the number of Board meetings to six (every other month)

Next Board Meeting is set for August 13, 2021

On Behalf of the Board
Brian Carron, CTCI President

*** PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS:



P.O. Box 2053
Mission, KS 66201

*** Reminder to all Members. For those members who are interested in running for a board position.

CTCI Board of Directors Election -- Call for Candidates

In accordance with CTCI Bylaws, Article V, an election will be held for the office of Director for Regions 1, 3 and 5, and Director-at-Large. Candidates must be CTCI members. The Directors-Large may reside anywhere, but candidates for regions 1, 3 and 5 must live in, and remain a resident of their respective region.

Region 1 consists of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, and Eastern Canada.

Region 3 consists of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Northern Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Northern California, Hawaii, and Western Canada. The division line between Northern and Southern California is an east-west line through Hanford, California.

Region 5 consists of Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mexico.

Candidates' resumes of 300 words or less must be received at the CTCI office no later than August 1, 2021. A recent color photo, suitable for publication, must accompany your resume. PREFERRED - Submit by email to: earlybird@ctci.org. Resumes will be published in the September/October issue of Early Bird. Submit by mail to: CTCI, P.O. Box 2053, Mission, KS 66201 to arrive by August 1, 2021.





Are you interested in attending a movie at a drive in Theater? There is no set date, but probably will be in late September. If you would like to participate with the Club and attend a Drive In Movie, please e-mail Jack at jesanford@cox.net. Positive replies only. Pictured is the Quasar Drive in in Valley, NE.

[Calendar of Events for 2021](#) [Sign Up Sheet](#)

August _ **29th 12:00 PM** – Marty & Mary Lou – Tech / Shopping - Elkhorn
 September **_26th – 3:00 PM** – Larson Tractor Museum Tour _ Rob & Vicki
 October **___24th** - Foliage Tour/Rally Run for Fun _ Jack & Kayla
 November **__20th** Friendsgiving – Jan & Bob Sibal -Jeff Hoffman & Jim Lantz
 December _____ Open _____





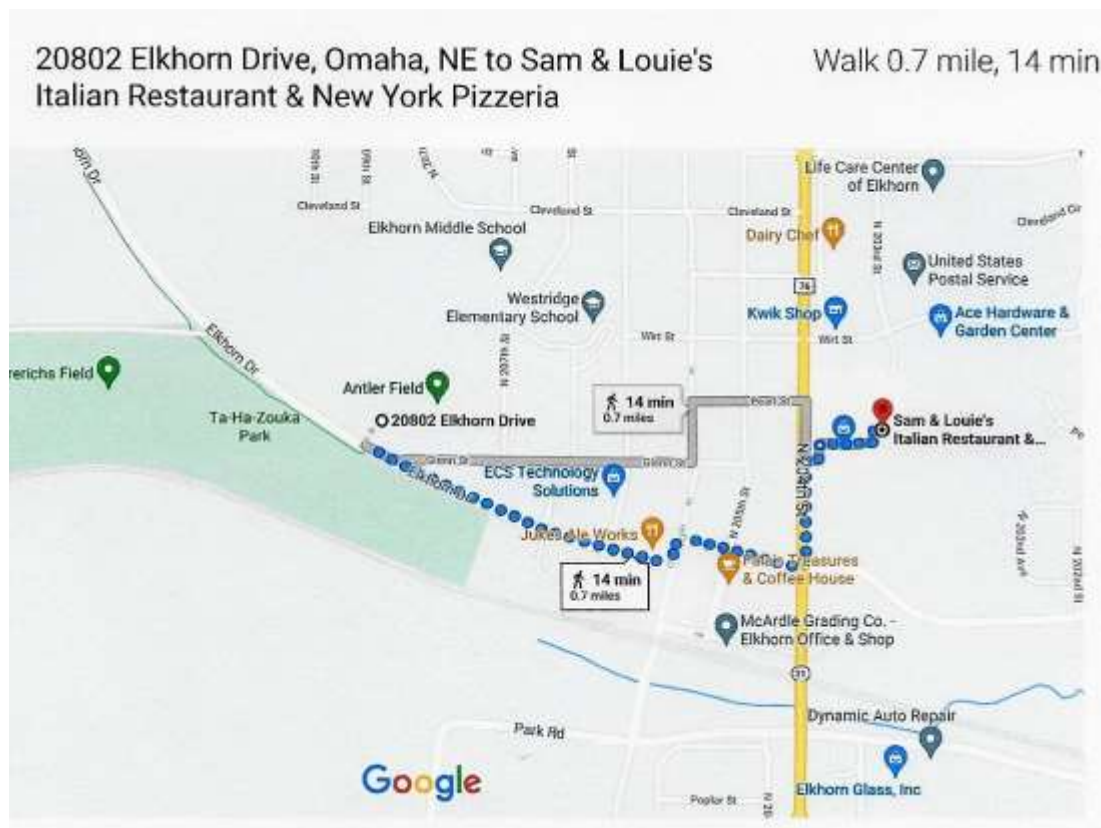
Marty Bierman's Tech Session on "Fuel System Problems" will

commence at noon, Sunday, August 29, 2021, at Marty's shop, 20802 Elkhorn Drive, Elkhorn, NE. From the shop, **Mary Lou Bierman** will escort the women to Elkhorn shops that are open on Sunday. These are different shops than the last shopping tour.

Lunch will be at **Sam and Louie's Italian Restaurant and New York Style Pizza**, 2949 N. 204th St., Elkhorn, NE. The restaurant is on the east side of the street just north of the viaduct (See map below). The menu has pizza and other items. The room looks out onto the parking lot and there is plenty of parking.

We need to spend \$100 to avoid a room charge. Please plan on attending this Tech Session and Shopping Tour. Lunch and meeting at 1:30 pm.

Driving instructions: From the north on Highway 31 (204th St.) turn right or west on Pearl St., turn left or south on Main St. Turn right or west on Glenn St. to Elkhorn Drive. 20802 is on the right side. From the south on Highway 31 (204th St.) turn left or west on Blondo Parkway, to Main St. Turn left or south on Main Street and right or West on Elkhorn Drive. 20802 is on the right side.



**Larsen Tractor Test and
Power Museum**
September 26th – 3:00 PM
35th Fair Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska 68583
Pizza Ranch Dinner/Meeting



Continuous Weekly and Monthly Summer Events.

Tuesday's – Lincoln, NE - Culver's, 14th Street and Old Cheney Road. May through October.

Fourth Wednesday of the month – Lincoln, NE – Cruis'n Classics Night at Don & Millie's, 5200S. 56th Street, 4-8 PM; January through November. Mention you're here for the Cruis'n Classics when ordering.

Wednesdays – Omaha, NE – Keystone Center, 7803 Military Ave., 5 PM to 9 PM April through September.

Wednesdays – Fremont, NE – Raising Canes Cruise Night, 1058 E 23rd., May 5 through September 29. 5:30 PM - 8 PM; Hosted by the Fremont Antique Car Club.

Wednesdays – Omaha, NE – Cruisers Bar and Grill Classic Car Show and Shine. 8634 F St., 5 PM; April 21 through October 27.

Thursdays – Council Bluffs, IA - Classic Car Cruise In, Quaker Steak & Lube, 3320 Mid-America Drive. All Summer May-September.

Second Thursday of the Month – Norfolk, NE – Sonic Drive-In, 1910 Market Lane, 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM; May through September.

First Friday of the Month – Percival, IA, Cruise Night at Sapp Brothers Truck Stop, 6 PM.

Fridays – Lincoln, NE, Culver's, North 27th Street, May through October.

Third Friday of the Month – Auburn, NE, Sonic, May through September. Hosted by Nemaha Valley Street Rods.

Third Friday of the Month – Maryville, MO, Burger King, North 71 near Walmart, 6 PM; April Through September.

Fourth Fridays – Brownville, NE, Main Street, 5: PM; April through October.



Fourth Fridays – Gretna, NE, Cruz Nite. We'll Smoke U BBQ, 11773 Highway 6: May through September.

Saturdays – Omaha, NE, Coffee Cruise Omaha, Hy-Vee parking lot, 156th Street and Maple Road, Omaha – 7:30am – 9:30am.

Local August / September Car Shows

Gretna, NE – Gretna Days Car Show - August 1, 2021 – 8 – noon registration – awards 3PM - \$20 entry fee – Dave 402-680-6698 – Walt - waltsherry@hotmail.com

Council Bluffs, IA – 11th Annual Eagles 104 Classic Car Show – August 6, 2021 – 1530 Avenue F – 5pm – 10pm – Jay 402-490-3138 – Entry fee not given - Doug 402-658-7977

La Vista, NE – 3rd Hot Classic Nights – August 7, 2021 – Registration 4 pm – show 5-9 pm – Awards 8:30pm - \$10 entry fee – Brentwood Square, 8002 S. 84th St. – Scott – 712-328-7113

Omaha, NE – 30th Annual Hot Cars Under the Stars Car Show – August 7, 2021 – 3838 North HWS Cleveland Blvd. Entry fee \$15 – Registration 5 – 7pm – Show 5 – 9pm – www.midwestcamaro.com

Papillion, NE – Annual Car Show – August 8, 2021 – Entry fee \$15 – registration 10am – noon – Show noon -5pm – 125 East 2nd Street – 402-331-9948

Council Bluffs, IA – Annual Cancer Sucks Car, Truck and Bike Show – August 14, 2021 - Lewis and Clark Middle School 3820 Harry Langdon Blvd. Registration 8:30 – 11am – Judging noon – 3pm – awards 3:30pm – entry fee \$20 pre-August 6th – Day of show \$25 – Jody 402-659-8531 – Dave 402-990-6636

Lincoln, NE – Vinnie's 10th Annual Classic Car Show – August 14, 2021 – Wilderness Ridge Golf Course, 1800 Wilderness Woods Place – 11 – 2pm – no entry fee – Vinnie 402-4

Valley, NE – Valley Days Car Show – August 15, 2021 – Downtown Valley – Entry fee \$20 - Registration 9 -11am – Awards 3pm – Hayley 402-957-8105

Arlington, NE – Kick'n it in the Stix Vintage Motor Fair – August 28, 2021 – Gates open 11am – Show starts at noon – Entry fee \$20 – www.facebook.com/theheadlinersomaha

Columbus, NE – 30th Annual All-Ford Show – August 21, 2021 – Entry Fee not given – Registration 8 – 12 pm – Awards 3:30 pm – Craig – 402741-2233 – pvmustanges65@gmail.com

Red Oak, IA – 44th Annual Car Show – August 21, 2021, Fountain Square Park, downtown. – entry fee -day of show \$20. – Pre-Registration (August 3rd cut off) \$15.00 – Registration 8:15 – 12 pm – Awards 3:00 pm – 712-623-4195

Touhy, NE – 10th Annual Touhy Nationals – August 28, 2021 – Entry Fee \$15.00 – Registration 9 – 12 pm – This town does not show on the Nebraska state map. Near Highways #92 & #79 – Darrin Pecka 402-310-0489

Council Bluffs – 4th Annual Wags & Wheels Car Show – August 29, 2021 – Entry Fee \$25.00 – Registration noon to 4 PM – Awards 4:00 pm – Kori 712-396-2264

Bennington, NE – 13th Annual Bennington All Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show – 156 & Warehouse Streets. – September 5, 2021 - Entry Fee \$20.00 – registration 8 – 12 pm – Drivers meeting 11:15 am Awards 2:30 pm – Barry 402-493-0718

Omaha, NE – All American Car and Truck Show – September 6, 2021 - CHI Health Center Lot D – Entry Fee \$15.00 – Registration 10 – 12 pm – Linda – 402-426-2951

Omaha, NE – 4th Annual Midwest Foxfest Show and Shine – 7811 Military Ave - September 11, 2021, Entry Fee not given – Registration 10 – 12 pm – Show 10 – 4 pm – Russell 402-604-1644

Omaha, NE – APW Auto Value Show-n-Shine – September 12, 2021 – 14675 Grove St. - (one block south of Industrial Road "L") - Entry Fee not listed – 11 -2 PM – Free Hot Dogs – Awards 2 PM – 402-691-0940

Lincoln, NE – 40th Annual All Makes Car & Truck Show Speedway Motors - 340 Victory Lane – September 12, 2021 – Entry fee \$30 – pre-registered \$20 – Registration 8 – 10 am – a judged show – Gary 402-430-6303

Nebraska City, NE – Apple Jack Car Show – September 19, 2021 – Downtown – Entry Fee \$20.00 – Registration 8 - 11 AM – Awards 3 PM – Larry – 402-873-2629

Omaha, NE – Vintage Iron Fall Car Show – September 26, 2021 – 2823 South 84th St. Omaha – Pre-Registration \$15 see Jim 402-593-8506 – Registration, day of show \$20 – Registration 9 -11:30 am – Awards 3 pm.



Recap of the Cruis'n Classics Auto Show



The day started off by meeting at the Lincoln Race Course so we could enter the car show as a group. As the picture shows it was cloudy and by the time we reached the Shrine Center it had started to sprinkle. We barely had time to park our Birds before it started to rain. It continued raining until 11:30 AM. As planned Rob convened our meeting using a garage directly across from our cars at 11:00 AM.



Rain was just ending



The wipe down began.





The show is on!



At 3:00 PM we were summoned inside for the awards ceremony.



Nine members registered and showed their cars:
 Marty, Rob, Jack, Bernie, Lauren, Quentin, Robert, Crystal, Tom
 Two other birds registered but failed to show.
 Trophy for Best Thunderbird – Robert Routh
 First Place in Thunderbird category – Robert Routh
 Second Place in Thunderbird category – Marty Bierman
 Third Place in Thunderbird category – Quentin Moeller





Crystal and Tom



Lauren, Marty, Jack, Robert, Tom, Crystal



Robert, Quentin, Rob,
 John Moore*, Jack (selfie)
 *John owns a 2002 T-Bird,
 potential new member.
 It was a great show. Hats off to
 the winners.
 A big thanks to **Rob** for
 coordinating this
 event. It was a fun day.



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Nebraska City Impromptu Tour October 2019

