

Thunder Words



July Event Sonic Drive Inn Tour 7/12/2020

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Chapter 65, Classic Thunderbird Club International**

Editor's note: Given the uncertainties of the COVID – 19, our intention is to continue event planning in hopes that this crisis will soon be over. JES



Prez Says,

I had a great time at the Impromptu Sonic Drive In tour event set up by **Marty Bierman** on July 12th. I logged just under 150 miles. Thanks **Marty!** We also found a great spot for a future outdoor dinner meeting place in Gretna (Macdaró's Pub). **Joel and Nancy's** September event has been cancelled due to virus concerns. However, they are hopeful of hosting an event in 2021. Stay tuned for impromptu September and October events

as the virus, with any luck, subsides. **John, Bob,** and **I** have planned a Lincoln garage tour for August 22. I have asked **Jack** to give the details in the newsletter. Nothing is currently scheduled for November. The December 5th, 6 PM, Christmas dinner meeting is still booked at the historic Ferguson House in downtown Lincoln. Keep firing up those birds and enjoying them!
Rob Kinsey, President

AUGUST CLUB EVENT

**Garage Tour Lincoln
August 22, 2020
11:00 AM
See page 6 for directions**



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Impromptu Sonic Driving Tour



Sunday, July 12 at 1 p.m. four T-Birds, **Bierman, Kinsey, Kirshenbaum & Sanford** toured the Regency neighborhood, then drove thru the Omaha Sonics at 3505 North 90th, the Sonic at 14598 West Maple, the Sonic at 18605 W. Center, the Sonic at 15413 Weir Street and Gretna's Sonic at 11745 S. Highway 6. From there we drove back up Highway 31 to MacDaro's Pub & Pizzeria for drinks and snacks. All four Birds drove as convertibles: two with tops up and two with tops down. It was a great tour. Thanks **Marty & Mary Lou.**



CTCI UPDATE

By
Brian Carron,
Director, CTCI Region 5

This is the second of several status update messages you'll receive from me over the next two years. They are designed to keep you informed about just some of the actions the Board is working on to improve our CTCI Club. But first, since the beginning of 2020 much has been written about your CTCI Board. I won't dwell on those comments or get mired in a political debate or repeat what has been sent out to members on constant contract and placed on the CTCI website. Instead I want to use this opportunity to focus on the positive steps your CTCI Board is making to move CTCI forward. I only hope that you will share the following with all of your Club members, so they receive a balanced perspective about their International Club and see that we are not in disarray.

Your CTCI Board continues to conduct business via ZOOM complying with our management responsibilities outlined in the approved Operating Policies and Procedures (OP&P) and Bylaws. We just held our monthly meeting, July 10th.

I'll highlight several items we have working on and discussed this month:

a. **OP&P and Bylaws update.** Over the past month, the Board appointed a committee to review and update Club Bylaws necessitated by a concern over the definition of CTCI membership. As a result, we re-instated the affected Region 3 Director and we completed a "soup-to-nuts" review of our governing



documents. A lot of time was spent on the definition of Member and the Board unanimously approved a more inclusive definition. This new definition and other Bylaw changes will be put to a membership vote later this year.

b. **Financial Report.** An updated financial statement was just sent out on constant contact. As you can see, we're on the positive side of the ledger.

c. **Investment Committee.** The Board of Directors has the fiduciary responsibility to protect all assets of CTCI. Responsibility includes, ensuring that all monetary assets are held in secure investments and/or government-insured banking institutions. Previously, we approved **Mr. Bill Phelps** of the Big D Little Bird Club. We also received additional nominations and approved two more members on this committee: **Gaylan Abood** of the Nebraskaland Club and **Mr. James Cook** of the Arizona Club. In addition, two additional members **Jim McLaughlin**, Houston and **Lynn Williams** Long Beach, CA will serve on sub-committees by investment specialties.

d. **CTCI Non-Profit incorporation Status.** The Board is recommending that we move our incorporation status from California to a more business friendly State (Wyoming). In the latest *Early Bird* Magazine, you will see, on page 10, why the Board has recommended we incorporate in another State. Members will be able to vote on this resolution in October 2020.

e. **Website Updates:** Since we implemented a new CTCI Website, there have been some frustrating issues with the website. Most of the issues are

not uncommon with the design and implementation of new software. So, to ensure that the problems you identify are addressed and fixed in a more timely, proactive fashion, the Board will now be receiving monthly status updates on problems and fixes from our management partner, Attaché Intl., LLC.

f. **Technical Articles and Early Bird Issues.** Since Fall 2019 the newly appointed CTCI Tech Editor for '55's, **Roger Fuller**, has been digitally scanning tech articles he wanted to have readily available for reference and answering questions he might receive. In addition, he has digitally scanned all of the *Early Bird* Magazines dating from 1963 to the current 2020 issues. His digitizing work we'll be able to help keep CTCI relevant and bring access to information about Thunderbirds and CTCI into the 21st Century. Eventually we'll link tech articles with the *Early Bird* magazines through the website and members will have the ability to reference/cross-reference tech articles with *Early Bird* magazines. This is an exciting effort and many thanks to Roger Fuller.

g. **Upcoming CTCI Election and Bylaw Changes - A reminder about the CTCI Elections.** The Sep-Oct issue of the *Early Bird* will be mailed by September 1st and will include a notification that all members, who have provided CTCI with a valid email address by September 20th will be emailed an electronic ballot on September 21st. If requested by a member in good standing, a Paper Ballot will be mailed to their address of record. To receive a Paper Ballot, a member must first call the CTCI Office and request a Paper Ballot by



September 15th. Paper Ballots must be returned to the CTCI Office No Later Than October 1st. Electronic ballots must be voted by October 1st. Electronic votes will be stored by electronic voting software provided by an independent election software company. The Paper Ballot and the electronic vote count will not be requested until the first business day after October 1st and will be provided to the President. The President will notify the Board of Directors, the candidates and the *Early Bird* Editor. The Editor will publish the results in the Nov-Dec issue.

h. **CTCI Member Survey***. We are working on a member survey to get your ideas, thoughts about moving CTCI into the future. Please be on the lookout for this survey that will be sent out soon.

Stay safe and stay well.

Brian Carron,
Director, CTCI Region 5
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*You should have received, via e-mail, a request to fill out a survey from CTCI called "Participate in CTCI Survey." You are encouraged to take part in this survey. It is straight forward and takes little time to complete.
JES editor.



T-Bird Tech Talk

By Martin Bierman

"Brake hose failure"

From the VTCI 1955-57 T-Bird Forum:

"I recently replaced the hydraulic brake light switch in my '56 T-bird when I had no brake lights. After replacing it I took it out for a test drive and when I pulled back into the garage, I noticed the brake lights were still on after getting out of the car. I reached in and was able to lift the brake pedal with my toe and they went off but after depressing and releasing the pedal they were back on, so I disconnected the negative battery terminal."

"The next day I took it out again and noticed that the brakes seemed to be hanging on a bit after I came to a stop sign. At each stop I made it became more noticeable until it became difficult to get the car moving again. So, I decided to turn back for home but unfortunately there were a couple more stops to do and after the next one the car would not budge. To make a long story a little shorter it turned out that the rubber brake line hoses on the front brakes had deteriorated and collapsed inside, causing them to act kind of like one-way valves. They would release the pressure over time, but it took a while. I replaced them and things were back to normal again."

"I hope that helps someone who might have a similar experience."



FOR SALE

Member, **Richard Kirshenbaum** has the following automobile **for sale**. He can be reached at 402-333-1686 or 402-990-3266 or dwkirshenbaum@gmail.com



This 1989 Jaguar XJS is a stock convertible with just over 71,000 miles on its 5.3-liter V-12 and 3-speed automatic transmission. The red finish is described as vibrant thanks to a lifetime of garage storage and minimal exposure to inclement weather. No paintwork or body repairs have taken place according to Dick. Stock US-market chrome and rubber bumpers are retained along with pre-facelift quad headlamps, separate taillights, and under-bumper front fog lamps.

The 5.3-liter V-12 was factory rated at 263 horsepower and 278 lb.-ft of torque for the US market and is paired with a 3-speed automatic transmission. The car has reportedly received care as part of Dick's small private collection.

Lost and Wanted

Hello from beautiful downtown Hickman. Seems that somewhere along the route of our drive to Fort Calhoun I have lost the passenger side fender skirt. I'm wondering what the best avenue is to find a replacement. Maybe someone in the club

has one for sale or I can find them at some of the parts house. Thanks.....

Quentin Moeller – qmoeller@yahoo.com

AREA EVENTS

Are you looking for a Car Show that hasn't been cancelled? Davey, NE just north of Lincoln August 22nd see details at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/davey-nebraska/2nd-annual-davey-ne-car-show/1067653340235912/>

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Garage Tour Details and Directions

Saturday August 22, 11 AM we will meet at **John and Barb LaDuke's** home 3931 Leesburg St. The next stop will be at **Rob and Vicki's** home 6611 Leesburg St. Then to **Bob and Bev Routh's** home 6725 Blue Ridge Lane. These homes are near each other. We will see the status of **John's** coral 1956, **Rob's** 1957 soft top and **Bob's** first year 1955 and last year 2005 editions of the Thunderbird. From there on to Don and Millie's 56th and Highway 2, for lunch indoors, being respectful of social distancing. Then to **Tom Woodman's** home 4445 Knox. We will end at **Bob and Jan Sibel's** home 2900 Kucera Drive. **Woodman and Sibel's** are pending at this printing. No bathroom facilities at **La Duke's** due to a bathroom construction project. There will be bathroom accessibility at **Rob's** and **Bob Routh's**. We will have a short meeting at the restaurant if circumstances permit. Please RSVP by August 20th to **Rob Kinsey** if you are planning on joining the tour.

Directions to John's house:

I-80 to Hwy 77 south (towards Beatrice) to Pioneers Blvd (traffic light); east on Pioneers across two tracks to first traffic light which is Hwy 2. Turn right onto Hwy 2 to 40th St. Turn right onto 40th St. and go about a mile to Leesburg St. Leesburg St. is at a "T" intersection with 40th St. so the only way to turn off 40th is to turn right onto Leesburg St. John's home is the first house on the left, 3931 Leesburg St. Otherwise take Waverly exit off I-80 to 84th St, 84th St. south to Hwy 2, turn right (west) on Hwy 2, take Hwy 2 to 40th St. turn south onto 40th St. and turn right off 40th St. onto Leesburg St. More city driving on the 84th St. route.

If you can join us to let Rob know at 402-434-9053 or E-Mail rkinsey@krbkllaw.com.

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