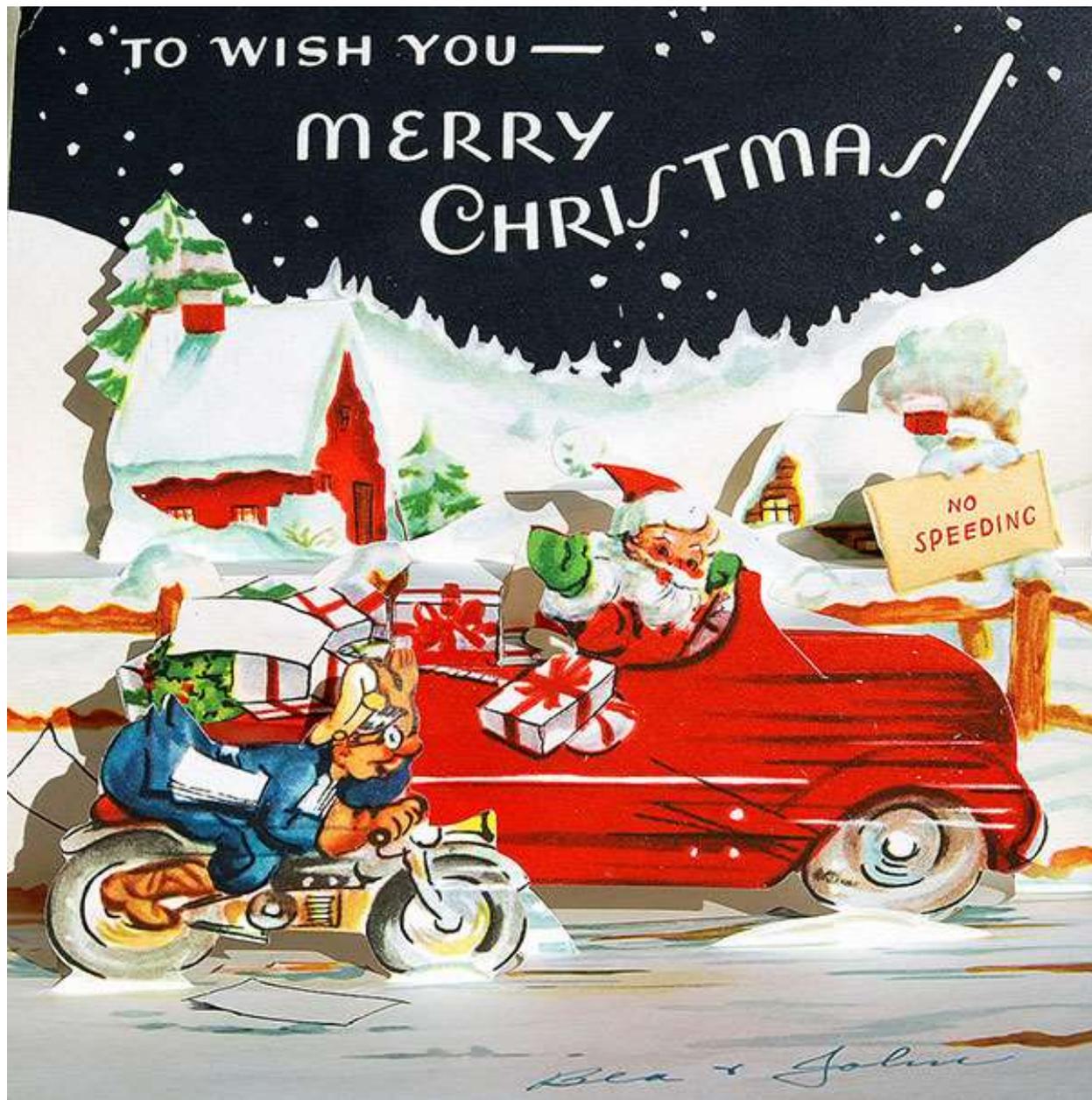


Thunder Words



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Prez Says, Vicki and I hope everyone had a safe, enjoyable time with family (or each other!) this Thanksgiving! It was just the two of us this year but there was still plenty to be thankful for. Thanks to **Jeff Brown** and **Jack Sanford**, we are close to having an updated membership roster. If your name is missing please let Jeff know. If you forgot to pay your dues that could be why your name is missing! We briefly discussed recognizing charter members but there may be none who are still members. If we have any charter

members, please let **Jeff** or **Jack** know.

Just read the latest CTCI Early Bird. It is really a nice publication and particularly enjoyable reading when we can't drive the birds. Included was an article about a bird from Lincoln.

Anybody know about the car or its Lincoln owners? Nice weekend in mid-November led to what I thought would be my last bird outing of '20. Fortunately, the last two weekends allowed for a nice leisurely tour to Hickman, Firth, Cortland, and Princeton before returning home. Enjoy those birds whenever you can!

Since there is no Christmas dinner party this year here's wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year. The New Year cannot come quickly enough. The officers voted to make the same charitable contributions as last year to the food banks of Omaha (\$100), Lincoln (\$100) and Fremont (\$50). The officers also voted to maintain dues for 2021 at the same level and look into setting up a Zoom meeting in lieu of no meeting in January, February and March with the next in person meeting hopefully in April.

We hope to see everyone in the spring. **Rob Kinsey, President**

Member News

- Have the following from **Gaylan Abood**:

Joyce is progressing quite well from her broken pelvis. On Sunday, she was transported to Methodist Women's Hospital. After spending three days at Methodist Women's Hospital, she was moved by van in wheelchair to Nye Legacy in Fremont yesterday, Wednesday, November 25, where she will be for quite a while healing and receiving physical and occupational therapies (Doctor said it takes a couple months for pelvis to heal). Of course, no in-person visits which is going to make it difficult for her and me. She is on ground level so we will be able to see her through the window. The address is as follows:

Nye Legacy Room # 508
3210 Clarkson Street
Fremont, NE 68025

The direct phone number to room # 508 is 402-753-4886
In her isolation, I know she would enjoy hearing from you and others.

Thank you for your prayers. In God we trust,

Gaylan C. Abood

- Have the following from **Ron and Marge Schultz**:

Just a note to tell you **Marge** and **I** have sold her pink 1957 Thunderbird. Therefore, we will not be renewing our membership. With our collection of Fords, we belong to four other car clubs. Please let the club know we have enjoyed the ten years of membership. It was a privilege to serve as club president. We enjoyed hosting the club at North Bend Pioneer Lake, and at the farm. We thoroughly enjoyed the many cruises and get togethers. Stay well and give us a call when in Fremont or North Bend.

Ron and Marge Schultz



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- The Ferguson House December 5, 2020, Christmas party has been rescheduled for **December 4, 2021**, due to virus concerns of 2020. Mark your calendars.



CTCI NEWS

On Monday, November 16, electronic ballots for the 2020 Bylaws Election were sent. The online voting service is Opavote. Sometimes voting emails land in the spam folder or junk mail folder. Please be sure and check yours so you don't miss your opportunity to vote. The subject of the voting email will be the same as this one: CTCI Bylaw Election 2020.

The voting closes at noon Pacific time on November 30. We hope you will exercise your member benefit and vote.

Thank you for your continuing support and participation!

Hopefully, you all voted.

CTCI is planning to host a Regional Concours/Driving Tour. Branson, Missouri, October 5 – 10, 2021.

Details are a work in progress! Check the Early Bird and view updates on CTCI.org for registration, Concours, the driving tours and more planned events.



Tech Talk



T-Bird Tech Talk

By Martin Bierman

"I'm converting my 6-volt T-bird to 12 volts. What do I do to the gauges?"

Question- A 1955 T-Bird owner is converting his car from 6 volts to 12 volts and questions what to do with his temperature and fuel gauges.

Answer- When converting the 6-volt T-Bird to 12 volts one has four options on dealing with the temperature and fuel gauges: 1) Do nothing. Both the 6-volt gauges and their respective sending units will work on 12 volts. Some claim however that the gauge lifespan may be shortened by using 12 volts. 2) Replace the sending units and gauges with 12-volt versions. This can be expensive since the 12-volt versions were only used on the 1956 T-Bird and are in limited supply. 3) Replace the sending units and gauges with aftermarket original style gauges and after-market sending units. Again, this is expensive but both the aftermarket temperature and fuel gauges with their respective sending units are available from T-Bird vendors i.e. CASCO and Hill's. 4) Finally place a voltage reducer on each gauge power line to reduce the voltage from 12 volts to 6 volts. The reducers are available from Speedway Motors and are called Runtz reducers. They are each \$18.99 and can only be used on gauges to reduce the voltage and not on radios, blowers, or other motors. I have used these Runtz reducers on two 12-volt conversions on my own T-Birds and have had no problems with them and the gauges work perfectly as they should.



Member Profile

We don't have a member profile for this month's Newsletter. The following is an article submitted by Joel Schlessinger regarding hand cranking an automobile. Just click on the link below.

https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/11/06/ask-a-hemmings-editor-what-was-the-last-vehicle-that-could-be-cranked-by-hand?refer=news&utm_source=edaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-11-06

Article from Pony Tails Newsletter, NUMOA



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November 2020

Rust Attacks Engines During Storage How to fight the culprit that never sleeps.

By Al Roberts

One of singer/songwriter Neil Young's most critically acclaimed albums is titled "Rust Never Sleeps." Although the title was a nod toward the need to avoid artistic complacency, it can just as easily serve as a reminder that rust and corrosion are constantly trying to degrade our vehicles and equipment. Practically everything eventually rusts or corrodes. Well, almost everything. Pure gold doesn't react with oxygen, meaning gold corrosion is extremely rare. But our engines, vehicle frames, UTV suspensions, trailer hitches, and other components rust or corrode unless we're diligent about maintenance. While it's easy to spot rust or corrosion on the outside of a vehicle, it can also form inside the engine, which is especially destructive. That's what I want to talk about today. First, however, what are "rust" and "corrosion?" What's the difference between the two? Corrosion refers to the gradual breakdown of metal via chemical reactions with the environment. Metal reacts with oxygen and begins to deteriorate. Metal can also react with acidic gases, like the by-products of combustion. Without intervention, the metal will eventually weaken and fail. Rust is a type of corrosion that specifically affects iron and iron alloys, like those used to manufacture most internal engine parts. We're all familiar with the telltale reddish-brown scale that forms on iron over time. Once rust forms, it spreads quickly and wreaks havoc on your vehicles and equipment. Certain conditions invite and hasten rust and corrosion. Folks who live where salt is applied to the roads in winter know this all too well. I bet the salvage yards around here are filled with more vehicles due to rust than engine or transmission failure. Moisture also invites rust and corrosion. Leave your truck outside in the rain for a day or two. The next time you drive, don't be alarmed at the grinding noise when you first apply the brakes – it's just the brake pads scrubbing the veneer of rust off the rotors. If rust forms inside your engine, it can flake off and populate the oil with contaminants. These tiny metal particles will circulate through the engine and scour bearings and other components before lodging in the oil filter. Eventually, the engine may suffer compression loss and reduced power due to piston-ring wear. The cam lobes can also wear, affecting valve lift and duration, which reduces power and efficiency. Although most motorists don't realize it, motor oil doesn't naturally resist rust or corrosion. Special inhibitors must be added to the formulation that provide anti-rust and anti-corrosion properties. Because we use our daily drivers so frequently, rust and corrosion don't have time to form inside our engines, meaning most passenger-car/light-truck oils don't contain these additives. But, what about your hot rod, sports car or show car you drive all summer and store during winter. Sitting inside a damp garage for months with motor oil in the sump contaminated with acidic combustion by-products create the perfect environment for rust. That's why my Amsoil Z-ROD Synthetic Motor Oil with potent additives can prevent rust. The oil coats metal surfaces and provides a resilient layer of protection against rust. This is a perfect solution if you are storing your vehicles for part of the year. Not all oils prevent rust; check to see if your brand is doing its job. If not, then consider one of my Amsoil Z-ROD® oils that will offer the perfect solution. Many thank for reading my articles this past year. If there is something you would like me to research for you just let me know.

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Nebraskaland T-Bird Club's 2020 year in review (Pandemic)

January, we met at El Bees – **Rob and Vicki Kinsey** - Omaha

February, we met at Pizza Ranch – **Rob and Vicki Kinsey** - Lincoln

March, meeting cancelled – **Marty & Mary Lou Bierman** - Tech session and shopping Elkhorn

April, meeting cancelled – **Don and Karen Indra** - Norfolk outing

May, meeting cancelled – **Jack and Kayla Sanford** – Rally Run for Fun – Bakers Candies

June, meeting – **Gaylan and Joyce Abood** – Driving event and picnic Fort Atkinson

July, meeting cancelled – **Jeff Hoffman & Jim Lantz** – Bierman's Sonic Drive Inn Tour

August, meeting – **Rob and Vicki Kinsey** - Lincoln Garage Tour

September, meeting – **Joel & Nancy Schlessinger** – Garage tour – Victory Lane – Mike's

October, meeting cancelled – SAC visit with VTKC – Platte River Foliage Tour

November, meeting – Not scheduled

December, meeting cancelled – **Bob and Jan Sibal** -Annual Christmas Party

New members – **Brian & Marilyn Carron** - **James Martin & Polo Davis** - **Gaylord & Joan Lacy** – **Bernie & Connie Heier** – **Quintin Moeller & Gina Casey** - **Jay & Dianne Sterns**



Nebraskaland 2020 Staff

Pres. - **Rob Kinsey** Treasure – **Jeff Brown** V.P. - **Marty Bierman** Secretary - **Gaylan Abood**



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Logo patches are going fast. This money-making endeavor has brought in \$172.00 for the club to date. There are only 12 logo patches remaining.
See **Jack Sanford** to get yours.



These embroidered 2 x 3 1/2 inch logos can be sewn on or glued with fabric glue onto shirts, jackets, caps, dashboards, etc.

Logo Prices

1 logo – \$ 5	6 logos – \$26
2 logos – \$ 9	7 logos – \$31
3 logos – \$13	8 logos – \$35
4 logos – \$18	9 logos – \$39
5 logos – \$22	10 logos – \$43

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The **Member Profile** feature has received five stories so far. There is still plenty of time to send yours in. We would love to hear about your thunderbird. Any length of story is welcome. Send stories to Jack at jesanford@cox.net.

2021 Membership Dues - \$15.00

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email(s) _____

Please send this form and check for membership dues payable to the Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club care of Jeff Brown, Treasure, 7225 South 103 Street, LaVista, NE 68128



For Sale

Richard Heinke

has the following items for sale.

He is moving and needs to clean out his garage.

Parts are sold as is.

Clearance Sale!

- 1) 17700A interior rearview mirror. \$12.50
- 2) 1750B. Vacuum wiper motor. \$37.50
- 3) 9600-55 T- Bird air cleaner Assy \$150
- 4) ECK-9510 Tlist-1074 Holly carb. \$150
- 5) 6volt starter motor complete. \$100
- 6) 6A506 Felton valve cover gasket pair \$10
- 7) 6051B 392 head gasket pair. \$25
- 8) misc. door handle hardware. Offer!
- 9) A right-side outer rocker panel that I made of 20-gauge steel. The price for this part in a shipping carton is \$125. When I remanufactured my '55 T-Bird frame off, I included these because they are stronger than NOS and more stretch resistant overcoming "door sag"!

See at 17300 Yankee Hill Road, Bennet, NE

Phone : 402-432-2199

Email: d37heinke@gmail.com



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For Sale

By
Clarence Johnson
402-291-1212
TBIRD_Guy@q.com

**Five - 14 inch Kelsey-Hays
Roadster Wire Wheels***

NOS includes spinners (1962)
Purchased in 1967 and have never
been used.



**Four Full 1957 Wheel
Covers***

NOS still in the box



*Not actual articles,
sample photos.

Merry Christmas



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