

# Thunder Words



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Dedicated to the 55, 56, & 57 Thunderbird  
Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club  
Chapter 65, Classic Thunderbird Club International



**Prez Says:** 'Tis the season for giving thanks. Thanks to **all members** attending this year's annual dinner meeting and their generous gift card donation to the Children's Home. Thanks to **Jim Lantz** and **Jeff Hoffman** for arranging the event at Firethorn and to **Jan Sibal** for coordinating the Nebraska towns quiz and pie prizes. The meal was outstanding as was socializing. Thanks to **Quentin Moeller** and **Jeff Brown** for taking minutes and keeping our finances in order.

Thanks to **Marty Bierman** for his Tech Talk issues and backup as VP. Thanks to **Jack Sanford** for his excellent Thunder Words every month. Thanks to **Tom Woodman**, **John LaDuke**, and **Marty** for your help with my mechanical issues/questions over the year. Congratulations to our 2022 officers **Marty Bierman** president, **Bob Routh** VP, **Quentin Moeller** secretary and **Jeff Brown** Treasurer. Appointments for '22 are **Jack Sanford** newsletter editor, **Marty Bierman** CTCI rep, **Bob McGowan** historian and **Jamie Karl** as social media coordinator. Weather permitting, I hope to see everyone at El Bee's in Omaha December 12 at 5 PM. **Happy holidays to all.**

President, **Rob Kinsey**



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## Minutes of the November Dinner/Meeting

The cocktail party began at 5:30 PM. Nebraska's football team was in the fourth quarter with Wisconsin, when **Jim Lantz** arranged a TV screen in our party room. The outcome of the game was as predicted, but Nebraska gave a good account for themselves, and this left everyone in a cheery mood. **Jan Sibal** presented the Nebraska Town/Cities quiz during the latter part of the cocktail hour. The winning table members were **Quentin Moeller, Gina Casey, Don and Karen Indra, Jan and Bob Sibal**. Every table received a mini pie, so everyone actually received a prize. After the meal, **President Rob Kinsey** called the meeting to order and quickly moved through the formalities after a special thanks to **Jim, Jeff, Bob** and **Jan** for facilitating a very wonderful dinner at their Firethorn Golf Course.

**Minutes:** The October minutes were approved as they appeared in the November Newsletter.

**Treasure:** **Jeff Brown** gave a treasurer's report.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business:

**President Rob Kinsey** opened the floor for officer nominations.

Vice President **Marty Bierman** was nominated and elected as President. **Robert Routh** was nominated and elected as Vice President. **Quentin Moeller** was unopposed and was elected Secretary. **Jeff Brown** was unopposed and elected Treasure. **Marty Bierman** was appointed to the CTCI representative position vacated by **John La Duke**. **Bob McGowan** returns as Historian. **Jamie Karl** returns as Social Media Director. **Jack Sanford** returns as Newsletter Editor. In an after-meeting conference, **Jamie** turned the Social Media position over to **John La Duke**.

A motion was made by **Karen Indra** that since our Fremont members have resigned, we should consider Norfolk as a donation destination. The motion was passed. Omaha and Lincoln will again receive \$100 donations to their food bank and Norfolk will receive \$50.

### Brags:

**Don Indra's** Norfolk Tour resulted in one of his friends buying a Classic Thunderbird. Don is working on his friend to be a club member.

**John La Duke** got his T-Bird running and had it recorded on his cell phone for all to hear.

**Bob McGowan** inserted new pins in his 1956 T-Bird driver side door. Says that even though he didn't have to pay much, the door opens and shuts better than a new one.

**Dick Heinke** thought he had cured the engine oil leaks until he checked the pan under the car and found it had oil in it. He was having problems with clutch chatter after repairing his transmission and had it removed for repair by Lincoln Brake and Clutch.

**Rob Kinsey** drove his 1957 T-Bird to the party and remembered back to the 2016 Christmas Party when he had to drive in a blizzard. Noting that the weather this year was the best he could remember.

It was agreed by all that the Fire Thorn Staff did an excellent job and that the food was outstanding. Thank you, **Jim Lantz** and **Jeff Hoffman** for a wonderful evening. Thanks to **Jan Sibal** for the fun game and prizes.

**Jeff Brown** reported that the Nebraska Children's Home greatly appreciated the \$495 donation of gift cards from the club. Gift cards are especially useful for teens and makes shopping easier for club members.

Newly elected President, **Marty Bierman**, reaffirmed December 12, 2021, 5:00 PM, meeting at El Bee's in Omaha.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.





2022 Club Officers – Jeff Brown, Martv Bierman, Quentin Moeller, Rob Kinsev, Robert Routh

On behalf of the Club, I want to thank Rob Kinsey for his tenure as our President during an unprecedented two years in the history of our club. He stayed the course where a lesser leader might have failed. His dedication to the job did not go unnoticed. Thank you from a very grateful membership. Jack Sanford, Editor

## T-Bird Tech Talk

By Martin Bierman



Rear door gap adjustment: “out” is “in”

A club member’s ‘56 T-Bird’s driver side door had new hinge pins placed and the door now closed well and was aligned to the body line but there was a large quarter inch gap at the rear edge. In order to close the gap, the striker plate (part #2009; see picture) was moved all the way inward without any improvement. On further inspection the door latch star wheel was engaging only the first tooth of the striker plate. The striker plate was then moved outward about a quarter inch, and this allowed the door latch star wheel to fully engage the second tooth on the striker plate. The rear door gap was completely eliminated and now the door fit flush to the body. This process of moving the striker plate outward to bring the door inward seems counter- intuitive and is an example of when “out” is “in”.



## CTCI NEWS

### Highlights of CTCI Video Board Meeting November 12, 2021

- Treasurer's report: **John Kledis** reported that we made a little money (separate from the Investments) for the past 2 months and therefore we are very nearly at breakeven for the year. We need to continue to attract new members, if we are going to remain "in the black". The Board approved two additional items:
  - reallocate the moving costs from general operating to a special "one-time" expense. This will permit us to clean up our CTCI books and thus allows us to make better year over year financial comparisons.
  - a resolution to enable our Classic Convention Productions "drop-down LLC" and open a bank account for our convention efforts
- Guest **Debb Duff** (our convention hotel planner) presented the hotel contract to the board. The Board approved the contract. \*NOTE: more coming to the general membership on this with all of the 2022 Convention information.
- The Board approved changes to the OP & P related to Membership. Specifically, these changes include a new section 2.6 Members. It details the members information privacy, communication, and responsibilities. \* NOTE: The new OP & P change will be **on the web site within 7 days. Please take the time to review those changes.**
- The Board approved establishing Facebook pages for each of the Regions. The Website committee was tasked to look at possible use of Google Groups. All efforts intended to increase member involvement and connectivity.
- The Board had discussions on several items pertaining to member awards and outreach. The membership is asked to forward ideas on the following items:
  - Executive Finance Committee will look into charities / scholarships related to CTCI that might benefit our membership
  - **Paul Hudgens** award candidates: Members are asked to submit candidates in January
  - The Ford Johnson Memorial Trophy has been chaired by **Cathy Stubbs**. **Cathy** is stepping down from that position. The Board is looking for a member who is willing to take on the role. Interested parties should contact President **Brian Carron**.
  - Looking for member input for the Hall of Fame Award. Please forward any (and all) ideas to Director-At-Large **John Smith**





- o Need chapters to step-up and agree to sponsor the next Regional Convention in 2023. This could be a judged and/or driving tour event. Interested chapters should contact President **Brian Carron**
- o Looking for chapters interested in sponsoring the next International Convention in 2024. Interested chapters will need to have their proposal completed so that it is ready for the Sept/Oct 2022 Board meeting. Interested chapters should contact President **Brian Carron**
- President **Brian Carron** gave an update on the Newsletter contest. He stated that Newsletter Contest Chairman, **Pocahontas Cole** and the committee have received 14 newsletters to be judged. The committee is in the process of evaluating and judging the newsletters and will be prepared to hand out awards in December 2021. Also, **Brian** reminded all of the chapters that it is already time to start thinking about entering next year’s newsletter contest. It will be moved up so that the awards can be made at the 2022 Convention in San Antonio
- Plans are being discussed for a possible “in-person” board meeting (Jan-Feb 2022). President **Brian Carron**, led the discussion which included optional Zoom meeting, dates and possible locations (if agreed).
- The Board approved dropping the 800 US inbound “toll free” service. Since most of our members now have cell phones, calls into the CTCI office are free and thus the 800 service is no longer needed. The savings to CTCI is over \$700.00 per year.

The next board meeting is set for December 10, 2021.

On Behalf of the Board  
**Brian Carron**, CTCI President

### **Calendar of Events**

December \_12<sup>th</sup> El Bee’s 5pm\_\_ - **Rob & Vicki Kinsey**\_\_\_\_\_

### **Calendar of Events for 2022 Signup sheet**

January _____	February _____
March _____	April _____
May _____	June _____
July _____	August _____
September _____	October _____
November _____	December _____





The logo features a central shield with a white star on a blue background, the word "CLASSIC" in white on a black background, and "Thunderbird CLUB INTERNATIONAL" in white on a red background. The shield is flanked by black wings. Above the shield, "CTCI CONVENTION 2022" is written in a red, arched font. Below the shield, "SAN ANTONIO, TX" is written in a red, arched font. The background of the logo is blue with white rays emanating from behind the shield. Below the logo is a white silhouette of a city skyline.

**Coming Soon!!!**  
**T-BIRDS FLOCK TO TEXAS**  
**CTCI International Concours Convention**

**When: October 25-30, 2022**  
**Where: San Antonio, Texas**

**Save the Date!!**

We are going back to San Antonio for the first time since 1997. Since then, the city has become the 7th largest city in the US with even more sights, sounds, and attractions. This will be a CTCI Concours Convention. Plus, an interesting and exciting schedule of events and activities is in the cards to make this Convention even more memorable.

The Convention will be held at the 4-Star Hyatt Hill Country Resort. This highly-rated spa/golf resort sits on 300 acres and is 2 miles from SeaWorld San Antonio, 10 miles from Government Canyon State Natural Area, and 17 miles from The Alamo and San Antonio's famous Riverwalk.

Further details are in progress! Stay tuned for Constant Contact updates, check the Early Bird specials, and view updates on [CTCI.org](http://CTCI.org) for registration, Concours, Fun Run, Cruise, and other information about planned events.

**Looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio!**





**Friendsgiving Dinner Hosts:**  
**Jim Lantz and Jeff Hoffman** **Bob and Jan Sibel**



**Playing hard at solving the game.**



**Some not working that hard on solving the game.**





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*"12 Thunderbird days of Christmas"*  
This year for Christmas Santa will bring to me...  
a 12 Volt Conversion  
an 11 Month Restoration  
10 Gallons of Gas  
9 Thunderbird Specialists  
8 New Brake Shoes  
a 7pc Hardtop Weatherstrip Kit  
6 Clamps for my Heater Hose  
5 White Wall Tires  
4 Fiberglass Ducts  
3 Years of Little Birds  
2 Rubber Floor Mats  
and a Softtop for my Peacock Tbird.



*Happy Holidays*  
*May all your Christmas wishes come true...*  
*From the Staff at Hill's Automotive*















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### The Member Profile

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## 2022 Membership Dues - \$15.00

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City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

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