

Thunder Words



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

June Club Meeting

Thursday, June 13 at 6 pm
4904 N 192nd Avenue Circle
Elkhorn

Picnic dinner and meeting,
followed by driving tour of
Indian Creek Estates to Dave
Freeberg's 6 car garage.

Directions on p. 4

Hosts: Joyce and Gaylan Abood

Prez Says

The weather wasn't exactly ideal but was perfect for driving the Little Birds with the top up. It was 60 degrees and cloudy with a stiff northwest wind. The coolness of the day allowed the Birds to operate without getting hot and a little heater heat was called for. **Gaylan and Joyce Abood** and **Jeff Hoffman** were the only participants for the speedometer challenge. Our Gray One didn't make it



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past Pacific Street when it developed the backfire feature it has become famous for so we had to use our smart phone to check the speedometers. The Birds were on display for Thunderbird Appreciation Day at Chester's, Parker's, Ashland, Ceresco, Waverly, Cornhusker Highway, and Lincoln's Pizza Ranch. **Rob Kinsey** met us at the Pizza Ranch with his Little Bird and brought along **Lauren Drees** who he met at the Sowers Club Car Show. Lauren, who has a silver '57, not only joined us for the meeting but also filled out an application to join our club. Rob pointed out that the Sowers Car Show had a T-Bird Class. We need to keep that in mind for next year.

Marty Bierman offered that on May 26 the Gear's Car show is in Elkhorn and **Rob Kinsey** said the Ceresco All Ford show is July 12th. The Fremont show is July 13th. It is the season for showing the Little Birds with plenty of venues to choose from. Get those Birds on the road!

June and July meetings were outlined and are described later in this newsletter. Thanks to **Gaylan and Joyce Abood** and **Rob and Vicki Kinsey** for stepping up for these upcoming outings.

More later,

Jack Sanford, President

Minutes of May 19 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President, **Jack Sanford**, with 10 members, spouses, and one guest present at the Pizza Ranch in Lincoln. Thank you, **Jack and Kayla Sanford**, for hosting the meeting. Also present was a guest, **Lauren Drees** from

Lincoln, the owner of a silver '57 T-Bird.

Rob and Vicki Kinsey invited **Lauren** after meeting him and he is considering becoming a member of our club. Some members met at Cubby's at the 420 exit on I-80, then went on a cruise for the speed odometer challenge. Others joined up at the Pizza Ranch for a delicious buffet dinner followed by **Jack Sanford's** slide show of club meeting photos from the last three years.



Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting was made by **Marty Bierman**, seconded by **Jeff Hoffman**. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report as **Jeff Brown** was absent.



Old Business

Marty Bierman reported on the Hawkeye Club meeting in Okoboji that he attended on May 4-5th. They toured the neon sign museum in Minnesota and the car museum at Okoboji. The car museum had very interesting



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settings of the main street in Spencer, a drive-in, and Arnolds Park.

Gaylan and Joyce Abood will host the next meeting on Thursday, June 13th, at their villa in Indian Creek, **4904 N 192nd Avenue Circle**, Elkhorn, Nebraska. We will meet at 6:00 PM for a picnic lunch with a menu of sweet Italian sausage and pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips, salad, and desert. Various beverages will be provided. The business meeting will follow dinner. Then a cruise through the Indian Creek Estates ending at member, **Dave Freeburg's** six-car garage, which is adorned with pictures and other interesting items. He has some vintage Fords, in addition to his T-Bird.

Rob and Vicki Kinsey will host the July meeting on July 20th at 11:00 am at the Durham Museum in Omaha. There will be a light lunch there.



Jeff Hoffman and Jim Lantz will be hosting the August meeting with details to follow.

Rob and Vicki Kinsey will host the September meeting at Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha. Preliminary schedule is for a Sunday, September 29th at 2:30 PM and dining at El Bees with specific details to follow.

There were no results yet from the electronic voting on including 2002-2005 Retro Birds.

New Business

Jack Sanford continues to work on possible patches for members.

Announcements

The 2019 CTCI Regional meeting is in Flagstaff on May 15-19th.

The Concours Parts supply company has a sale until May 30th with discounts of 10-30% discount for orders over \$3,500. Use code MD19. concoursparts.com or call 800-722-0009.

First Annual SAC Museum Car Show will be on June 15-16th. Participants can register on their website, www.sacmuseum.org. There is a \$20 registration fee.

There are lots of car activities in May and June. The Fremont Car Show is July 13th with cash prizes. The Elkhorn Auto show is on May 26th. The Ceresco Auto show is on July 12th.

Your CTCI membership card is on the address cover sheet of the May/June issue of the Early Bird. You need to punch it out.



Brag Box

Joyce Abood shared that their grandson, a freshman in Plano, was named Outstanding Engineering Student.

Rob Kinsey's T-Bird was awarded a trophy at the Sowers Club car show.



Adjournment

Motioned made by Rob Kinsey and seconded by Marty Bierman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectably Submitted,
Gaylan Abood, Secretary

Directions to June Meeting

4904 N 192nd Avenue Circle,
Elkhorn

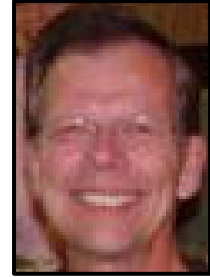
Take West Maple RD. Turn north onto N 192nd ST. Take second left onto N 192nd ST, then first right onto N 192nd AVE Circle. *Parking is available on the east side of street only.*



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T-Bird Tech Talk



"What kind of car cover should I get for my T-Bird?"

By **Martin Bierman**

Question ~ A 1955 T-Bird owner is finishing a body off restoration and wants to cover his car when not in use and wants to know where to buy a good car cover.

Answer ~ The California Car Cover Co. offers many types of custom fitted car covers for all types of conditions. Outdoor car covers are multilayer covers designed to breathe and prevent moisture accumulation under the cover. The Noah model cover can be used outdoors as well as indoors. The Dustop model is an excellent indoor cover to protect the finish from dust. Check out their website at <https://www.calcarcover.com/>.



A sunny day and **Martin Bierman** was at the Metro Community College GEARS car show in Elkhorn on Sunday, May 26.

Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club Meetings and Events

June ~ Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 pm.
4904 N 192nd Avenue Circle, Elkhorn.
Picnic dinner of sweet Italian sausage and pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips, salad, and desert, club meeting, and driving tour of Indian Creek Estates to Dave Freeberg's 6 car garage. **Hosts: Joyce and Gaylan Abood.**

July ~ Saturday, July 20. 11:00 am.
Durham Museum (former Union Station), 801 S 10th ST, Omaha. Docent led tour (\$9 each), soda fountain lunch (\$8-10), meeting, gift shop. Cars will be displayed at east end of parking lot for all to see. **Hosts: Rob and Vicki Kinsey.**

August ~ Details to be announced. **Hosts: Jim Lantz and Jeff Hoffman.**

September ~ Sunday, September 29 at 2:30 PM **Lauritzen Gardens**, 100 Bancroft ST, Omaha. Dinner and meeting at El Bees, 10402 S 144th St, Omaha. **Hosts: Rob and Vicki Kinsey**

October ~ Details to be announced. **Hosts: Ted Dimmitt and Fran Graser.**

November ~ Host: Open.

December ~ Saturday, December 14. 5:30 pm. Holiday dinner and meeting. **Mahoney State Park**, Ashland. **Hosts: Cathy and Bob McGowan.**



CTCI Events

"Birds on the Bay"
International Convention. May 4-9, 2020. Sarasota, FL.

Area Shows and Events

Weekly/Monthly

Tuesdays ~ Culvers, 14th ST & Old Cheney, Lincoln.

Tuesdays [5 pm] ~ Don and Millie's Cruise Night, S 23rd ST & Cornhusker RD, Bellevue.

Wednesdays [5 – 9 pm] ~ Keystone Center, 7803 Military AVE, Omaha.

Wednesdays [5 pm] ~ Cruisers Bar and Grill Classic Car Show and Shine, 8634 F ST, Omaha.

Wednesdays [5 – 8 pm] ~ Raising Cane's Cruise Night, 1058 E 23rd ST, Fremont.

Fridays ~ Culvers, N 27th ST, Lincoln.

2nd Thursday [6 – 9 pm] ~ Sonic Drive-In, 1910 Market LN, Norfolk.

4th Friday ~ Cruz Nite, We'll Smoke U BBQ, 1773 Hwy 6, Gretna.

4th Saturday [8 – noon] ~ Cars and Coffee, Speedway Motors Museum of American Speed, Lincoln.

Shows

June

June 2 [5 – 8 pm] ~ 5th Annual Cars & Cure Car, Truck, Bike Show, 156th & Maple Hy-Vee (3410 N 156th ST), Omaha.

June 2 [11 am – 3 pm (Register 9 am)] ~ Tangier Shrine Hospital Benefits Day Car Show, 2823 S 84th ST, Omaha. Benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children.

June 6 [Register 9 am – noon] ~ DeWitt Car Show, downtown DeWitt.

June 8 [8 am – 3 pm] ~ All Ford Show Lincoln, Anderson Ford, 2500 Wildcat DR, Lincoln.

June 8 [7:30 am – 3:30 pm] ~ Back to the Past '50s Blast Classic Car Show, Cascio's Steak, 1620 S 10th ST, Omaha.

June 8 [9 am – 1 pm] ~ Springfield Days Car Show, Main ST, Springfield.

June 8 [noon – 3 pm] ~ Sid Dillon Summer Showcase Car Show N' Shine, Sid Dillon Wahoo, 1750 County RD J, Wahoo.



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June 15-16 [9 am – 5 pm] ~ **Strategic Air Command Car Show**, SAC Museum, 28210 West Park Highway, Ashland.

<https://sacmuseum.org/event/car-show/>.

June 16 [9 am – 1 pm (Register 8 am)] ~ **16th Annual St Mark's Show & Shine**, 8550 Pioneers BLVD, Lincoln.

June 22 [11 am – 4 pm] ~ **Wheels of Courage Car Show**, Quaker Steak And Lube, 3320 Mid-America DR, Council Bluffs. Benefits Charitable Patient Care Fund.

June 22 [Registration 9 am – 11:30 am] ~ **10th Annual Old Settlers Days Car Show**, 6th & Maple ST, North Bend.

June 29 [9 am – 2 pm] ~ **Hallam Fest All Vehicle Car Show**, Hallam.

July

July 4 [10 am – 5 pm] ~ **Dorchester Auto and Tractor Show 'n Shine**, 1145 Hwy 33, Dorchester.

July 4 [Register 8 am – noon] ~ **19th Annual Car, Truck, Tractor, and Cycle Show**, Hooper.

July 4 [Register 7 – 10 am] ~ **Annual Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show**, downtown Seward.

July 6 [Register 8 am – noon] ~ **Dewitt Car Show**, Dewitt.

July 12 [4 – 9 pm] ~ **Ceresco Days 14th All-Ford Product Show and Shine**, in the park, Ceresco.

July 12 ~ **9th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day**. Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA).

July 13 [8 am – 4 pm] ~ **10th Annual Cruisers on Main Street Fremont Car, Truck, and Bike Show**, Fremont.

July 17 ~ **Vinnie's 9th Annual Classic Car Show**, Wilderness Ridge Golf Course, 1800 Wilderness Woods Place, Lincoln.

July 20 [Register 9 am – noon] ~ **Old Settlers Car Show and Picnic**,

downtown Western.

July 21 [Noon – 3 pm (Register 9 am – noon)] ~ **Annual Stir-Up Days Car Show**, Ashland.

July 27 [Noon – 4 pm, (Register 9 am – noon)] ~ **Traditions Car Show**, downtown Hickman.

July 28 [Register 8 am – noon] ~ **Gretna Days Car Show**, McKenna AVE, downtown Gretna.

July 28 [11 am – 4 pm (Register 8 – 11 am)] ~ **Cruis'n Classics Auto Show**, 1050 Saltillo RD, Lincoln/Roca.

August

August 3 [10 am – 2 pm (Register 8:30 am)] ~ **inMOTION Auto Car Show & Shine**, 131 Russwood Parkway, Lincoln.

August 3 [5 pm – 9 pm (Register 5 – 7 pm)] ~ **28th Annual Hot Cars Under the Stars Car Show**, Dillon Brothers Harley Davidson, 3838 North HWS Cleveland BLVD, Omaha.

August 4 [11 am – 3 pm (Register 9 – 11 am)] ~ **Lancaster County Super Fair Show & Shine Car Show**, Lancaster Events Center, 84th ST and Havelock AVE, Lincoln.

August 11 [Noon – 3 pm (Register 9 am – noon)] ~ **7th Annual Valley Car Show**, Valley.

August 17 [10 am – 2 pm (Register 8 – 10 am)] ~ **3rd Annual Greenwood Days Car Show**, Greenwood.

August 18 [10 am – 3 pm] ~ **Vintage Wheels at the Fort**, Fort Omaha, 5730 N 30th ST, Omaha.

August 18 [11 am – 3 pm] ~ **Third Annual Stanley Kucera Memorial Car and Tractor Show**, 40 N Walnut ST, Wahoo.

August 25 ~ **Millard Days Car Show**, 13780 Millard AVE, Omaha.



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September

September 1 [10 am – 2 pm] ~ **Midtown Car Show**, Turner Park, 31st ST & Farnam, Omaha.

September 1 [Noon – 4 pm (Register 9 am - noon)] ~ **Packer Car Show**, Collin Stadium, 20th & M ST, Omaha.

September 2 [Register 9 am – noon] ~ **All American Car and Truck Show**, CHI Health Center Omaha, Lot D, 455 N 10th ST, Omaha.

September 8 [Register 8 – 10 am] ~ **38th Annual Havelock Avenue All-Makes Car and Truck Show**, 6232 Havelock AVE, Lincoln.

AVAILABLE

Andy Grimm's Collection – For Sale

- 1951 Mercury Sports Sedan; dark green \$19,250.00
- 1955 Ford Country Sedan, two-tone blue \$13,250.00
- 1956 Thunderbird, hardtop only, colonial white and red \$29,600.00
- 1960 Ford Fairlane 500, aquamarine, 4-door sedan \$ 9,700.00
- 1966 Mustang, 2-door hardtop, V-8 automatic, red \$ 6,975.00
- 1972 Mustang Sports Roof CJ, dark green \$11,625.00
- 1989 Mustang Red Convertible, Kenny Brown Modifications \$12,175.00
- 2010 Shelby GT 500, dark blue \$36,000.00

Quality number 2 and 3 per January/February Hearst black book collectible value guide.

Andy Grimm
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For Sale - Dick Heinke's 55 T-Bird

I have come to the painful decision that I want to sell my 55 T-Bird that I totally restored. I have not shown it since 2005 when it won two awards - one in Omaha (the first showing) and a gold in Cleveland. The effort received the 2004 "Best Restoration Award" from the Nebrskaland T-Bird Club.

The odometer has 945 miles on the car since total frame off restoration. The engine is stock except for solid state ignition module in the distributor (no points). There are many pluses such as



3 speed with overdrive transmission, Halogen headlights, 12 volt alternator and electrical system, dual master cylinder with front disc brakes, extra noise barrier in the under body paint scheme (foamed enamel) Solid state T-Bird radio AM/FM with cassette player, Stock spoke wheels with 5 white wall radial tires.... and more.

I will entertain viewing and will decide on the basis of the successful best offer. A couple years ago, I declined a bid at auction of \$50,000. My phone number is (402) 432-2199. Dick Heinke



For Sale – Howard Larson's 57 T-Bird

Photos and story in the January-February 2019 issue of The Early Bird. Best reasonable offer. Interested parties may contact Howard Larson at 712-281-8812



5/28 Tornado damage in eastern Kansas



CTCI By-Law Amendment

To CTCI Membership:

I would like to say congratulations to the membership for their participation in this vote. Forty-six percent of the ballots were voted which I believe to be a record for CTCI. We have seen huge increases since your Board of Directors approved the use of electronic ballots.

The votes on the By-Law change to accept the 2002-2005 Thunderbirds are as follows;

Yes votes for the By-Law change 1,288 votes (60.66%)

No votes for the By-Law change 835 votes (39.33%)

The vote failed because 66.67% was required for change.

Thank you for your participation.

Bob Witt
CTCI President

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