

Thunder Words



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

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**

Sunday, June 20



Prez Says: Yes, Matilda, there are bugs on the way to Norfolk. No mechanical ones however, so far as I know. Four t-birds participated in a 250-mile round trip tour to Norfolk. Many thanks to **Don** and **Karen Indra** for hosting. Beautiful day to tour and our experiences in Norfolk were very interesting. No quorum so we informally discussed a picnic for our June outing. Several parks will be checked out. Stay tuned for more details.

Hopefully more members can attend a June picnic. I turned over 70,000 miles on the way home from Norfolk so now I know all rollers work perfectly as the "7" rolled on to the odometer. Enjoy your Thunderbird! **Rob Kinsey**



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Recap of the May 29th Event & Meeting

Rob Kinsey and Tom Woodman left Lincoln at 8:00 AM. Marty & Mary Lou Bierman and Jack and Jack, Jr. Sanford left Elkhorn at 8:30 AM. The four cars met up at Hooper at 9:10 AM.



At a consistent speed at 60 MPH the small caravan reached the Northeast Community College at 10:40 AM where they met **Don Indra**. After introductions and a look around the school shop, the auto body instructor, **Joe Barg**, explained the program that **Don** has been enrolled in for the past several years. Pictured here is **Don's** current 1956 T-Bird project. We wished **Don** good luck and requested an update on the progress.



We then motored to the Pizza Ranch where we proudly displayed the four birds in a vacant parking lot for the locals to admire as they circled past. The cars drew a lot of attention.



Joining us for lunch was **Karen Indra**. Jack introduced his son Jack, Jr. During lunch we discussed our previous scheduled July event and agreed on a picnic for June 13th, in Wahoo, NE City Park at noon. This will be a bring your own picnic fixings (BYOPF). Directions and map on page 9. Please mark your calendar for this event. After lunch **Karen** and **Mary Lou** left for the Norfolk Museum and we went to **Jim Marr's Garage**. Jim is an owner of a body shop in Norfolk; however, we were visiting Jim's personal garage at his home just west of Norfolk, NE.



Besides having a complete shop at his home, he also has a private museum. **Jim's** collection not only has plenty of automobiles, but he has also collected related automobile signage and antique gas pumps. Complimenting the automobile collection, **Jim** and his wife have collected everything from an old upright piano, a pedal drive Singer sewing machine, a couple of 5 cent coke machines, time period manikins, bicycles, toy trains, etc. There are also a few motorcycles parked in among the cars. There is actually too much to list. To be able to start each car in the museum **Jim** installed an under the floor system to vent the exhaust fumes. Each lighted fixture is controlled by a central control panel located at the door. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the unbelievable number of trophies that were on display in both of his buildings. Automobiles have been **Jim's** life and to be able to enjoy his passion, he will retire June 1st. His son is taking over his business. Thanks to **Jim**, we all enjoyed the personal tour.

A big thank you to **Don** and **Karen** for setting up this enjoyable event.

The trip home was uneventful. After a year of quarantine, the joy of seeing the small towns and countryside through the T-Bird's windshield was remarkable.

New Business:

A June picnic was put into place for June 13th in Wahoo, NE. See page 9 for details & map.

President **Rob Kinsey** adjourned the meeting at 1:09 PM.





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By Martin Bierman

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President **Brian Carron's** column in the May/June 2021 issue of **The Early Bird** gives an excellent review of the Club's recent activities related to the headquarters change. Look for your membership card with May/June issue of the Early Bird.

Calendar of Events for 2021 **Sign Up Sheet**

June__13th __Wahoo, NE 12:00 PM __BYOPF and Meeting-Smith Park at Fifth and Beech St.

June_____Gering/Scottsbluff car show - June18 & 19, 2021? *

July **Ashland, NE – Stir-Up Days** – July 18, 2021 - \$20.00 entry fee – Registration 9am to noon; show Noon to 4pm; - Contact Dave Yard 402-944-7402 or ashland-ne.com/carshow. This show has a parade. More later on this event.

July_____ **Cruis'n Classics Lincoln July 25, 2021-** Still time to Get your entry in. ##

August_____Open_____

September__Open** _____

October__17th **Brownville?** _

November__20th **Friendsgiving** – Jan & Bob Sibal -Jeff Hoffman & Jim Lantz-hosts

December _____Open_____

The open months need sponsors. With the lessening of Covid restrictions there comes more opportunities for events/meetings. Please let **Rob** know if you can host an open month.

*This event has not been sanctioned as a club event by the Nebraskaland T-Bird Club.

****Marty** might hold a tech session this month – Covid restrictions could dictate.

We have met the number of Thunderbirds to have a Thunderbird Class at this Car Show, however there is still time if you would like to join us. Entry blank on cover letter.



Free 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.

Local June & July Car Shows

Greater Omaha Rotary Car Show – Saturday, June 5, 2021 – Registration 10am – 12pm – Pre-registration \$20.00 – day of show \$25.00 – 90th and Military Road. Info Amanda 402-650-1464

West O Auto & Cycle Show – Saturday, June 5, 2021 – Registration 9am – show 10am to 2pm. No registration fee – 182nd and Q – Omaha. – Info. 402-393-2321



Tangier Show and Shine – Sunday, June 6, 2021 – Registration 9am -11:30am – Pre-registration \$15.00 – day of show \$20.00 – 2823 South 84th Street - Omaha - Info. Don 402-393-6684

13th Annal Car Show – Saturday, June 12, 2021 – Registration 8am - 9:30am – Pre-registration \$15.00 – day of show \$20.00 – 17th and Lincoln Street - Blair, NE – Info. Doyle 303-947-6507 or Bill 402-391-5717

All Fords Show – Saturday 12, 2021 – 8am -3pm 2500 Wildcat Dr. – Lincoln, NE - Info. – www.allfordshowlincoln.com

Back to the Past Car Show – Saturday 12, 2021 – 7:30am – 3:30 pm – Entry fee: \$16.00 or \$15.00 with a two can minimum donation – 1620 S. 10th Street – Omaha – Information - Ray 402-706-1305

Sid Dillon Summer Showcase Car Show N' Shine – Saturday 12, 2021 - 10:pm –3:00 pm – Free registration, burgers, hot dogs & water – 1750 County Road J. - Wahoo, NE – Info. Kim 402-443-4244

Springfield Days Show & Shine – Saturday, June 12, 2021 – 9am – 1:00pm – Main Street, Springfield, NE – Info. Brian – 402 -813-4461

Cars at the Stars – Sunday, June 13, 2021 – 11:00am – 3:00pm – at the Ice Box - Indoor/outdoor show –Open concessions, cash bar, raffle prizes – Lincoln, NE - Info. 402-474-7828

Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum is having a their second annual two- day Father's Day Car Show on **June 19 and 20**. This is your opportunity to have your vehicle nested under the wings of cold war aircraft all throughout the Museum. The mask mandate has been lifted and the Museum is starting to get busy. This is an amazing show you won't want to miss. Registration is \$25.00 per vehicle. Each vehicle must have a completed form online. Each entry of a vehicle gets two passes to the Museum for the duration of the show. Cars must remain at the Museum for the duration of our two-day event, June 19-20.

Register here if you are interested <https://sacmuseum.org/events/car-show/>.

Refunds will be issued ONLY in the event of a cancellation by the Museum.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email, or give me a call.

Rachel Shepherd - Event Coordinator - 402-944-3100 x 253 or events@sacmuseum.org

Wheels of Courage Car Show – June 26, 2021 – Registration ends at 11:00am – Entry Fee \$20.00 - Quarker Steak and Lube, 3320 Mid America Drive – Council Bluffs, IA - 712-396-7733

6th Annual Car Show, Sam's Club Parking lot – 8480 Andermatt Drive, Lincoln, NE – Registration 8:00am – 11:30am – Pre-registration \$20.00 – Day of Show \$25.00 – Info. Jim - 402-217-1926

23rd Annual Rebels Auto Club Rod and Custom Car show – Sunday, 27th - Pioneer Park – 3201 S. Coddington Ave – Lincoln – Registration 8am to 12pm – Entry fee \$30.00. Info 402-890-0294

16th Annual Ceresco Days Show N' Shine – July 9, 2021 – 4:00pm – 9pm – Downtown Ceresco Just west of 77 on Elm Street – Super parade 7:00pm – Fireworks at 9:00pm – All makes of car's welcome – On their list of cars attending they did not list a Thunderbird.

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Cruis'n Classics Auto Show July 25, 2021, at 1050 Saltillo Road, Roca, NE (four miles south of Lincoln on Highway 77, near Rod's Power Sports).



For Sale

Tom Woodman of Lincoln, NE has a complete ventilation system for sale. This all-metal set has all four tubes and no rust. These tubes will fit '55, '56, & '57 Thunderbirds. Tom is asking \$750.00. Fiberglass ducts are over \$800. Tom can be reached at 402-464-0569. See example below.



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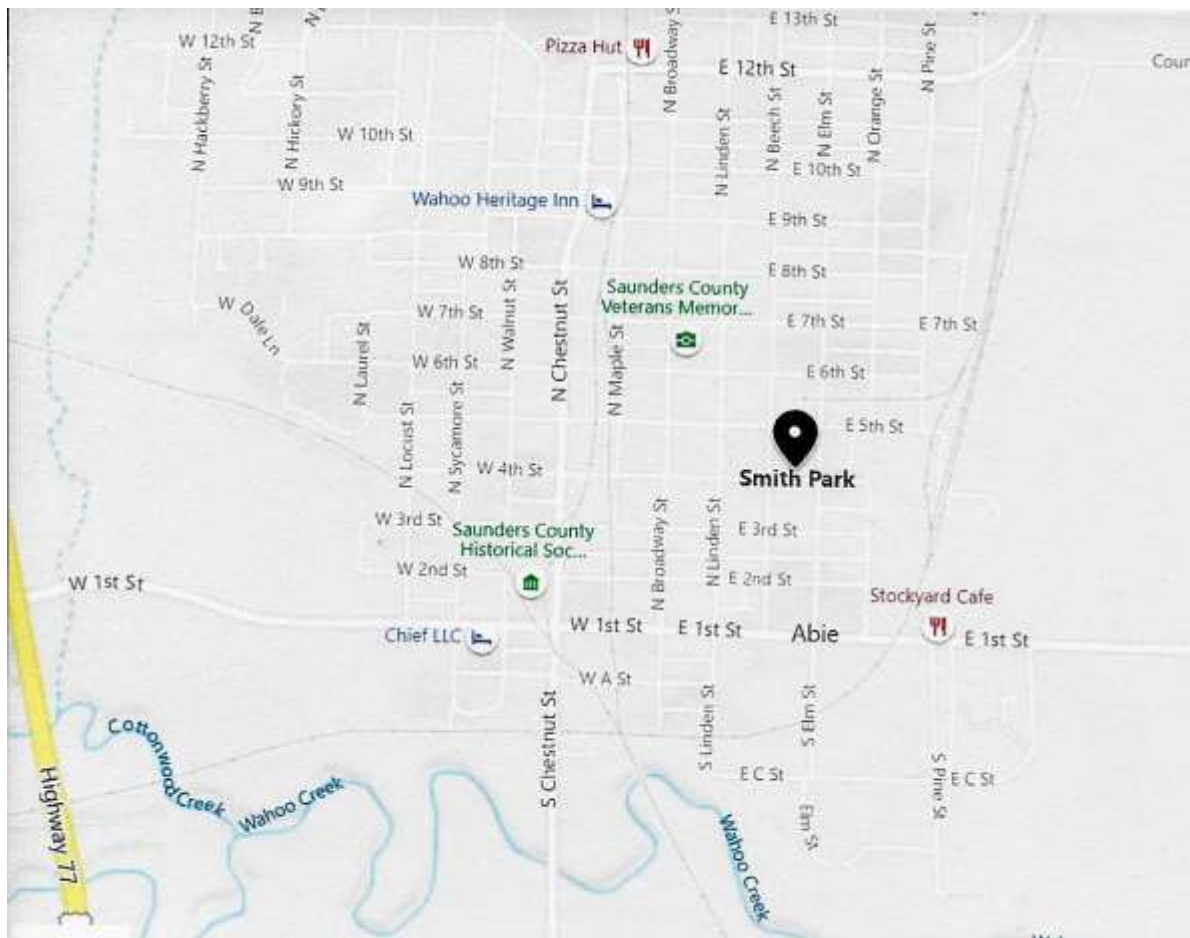
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Wahoo, Nebraska – City Park – Smith 5th and Beech

Picnic in the park. Wahoo was picked in an effort to make the distance equal to all participants from Lincoln, Fremont and Omaha. BYOPF theme guarantees everyone will be happy with their lunch. There are fire-pits/grills for roasting hotdogs, burgers, etc., a shelter and restrooms. **Marty** made the arrangements. He is going to arrive ahead of time to secure parking space for the Birds. A noon start will leave ample time for a drive of your choice on the way home. **Rob** is hoping for a quorum to officially hold a meeting. At the printing of this newsletter there was 1% chance of rain on Sunday. The weather was perfect on our drive to Norfolk the 29th.

The highway used to run through town on 12th Street from the east and South Chestnut from the south. The new bypass is west of town. Whichever way you come from you just have to find Beech or Fifth Street and follow it until you run into the park. The Club has rented the shelter, which is fully equipped. Any question call **Marty** or **Jack**.



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