



NEBRASKALAND THUNDERBIRD CLUB

March 2010

OFFICERS:

President: Jerry Ziems
Vice President: Martin Bierman
Secretary: Roger & Linda Anderson
Treasurer: Jeff Brown
CTCI Rep: Larry Smith
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NEXT MEETING

We had a club meeting at the **Pantry** in Lincoln a year ago this month. We're going back again on **Sunday, March 21 for a 1:00pm lunch meeting** in the private room. Located just one half block north of Van Dorn St on 48th. It's on the east side of the street.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was worried about getting caught in a snow storm like we had on Valentine's Day and did not make the February meeting. Thanks, Marty, for taking over. Thanks Mary Lou for taking minutes of the meeting.

In an effort to get more member names in the newsletter, I am going to start the birthday list again. This list was compiled from the data-base put together by Martin Bierman over the years. If your name is omitted, please contact Martin or me. This (the monthly birthdays) was suggested by Marv Wiens who also said we should put more car show notices in the paper. I am happy to do this if I am made aware of the events and accompanying details in a timely manner. Perhaps one of our members would volunteer to be a roving reporter for just such things. Tom Woodman has contributed in the past with car ads and show notices, as have several others. Thanks to you.

On behalf of the club, I extend a big welcome to new members Jim and Lou Kirk of Lincoln. Jim has a red '55. We hope to see them at upcoming meetings and functions.

The big swap meet comes up on Sunday March 7 at the Lancaster Event Center on North 84th St. and Havelock Ave. Price of admission is a can of food or cash donation to the Food Bank. Doors open at 7:00 am.

Congratulations to Martin Bierman who was elected CTCI Region 5 Director. His Director's Report is attached to the end of this newsletter. He has also been elected to the office of President of the CTCI Board of Directors at their recent meeting in February.

Jerry Ziems, President

Minutes February 2010 Meeting

The Nebraskaland Thunderbird club met at El Bee's, Hwy. 50 and I-80, at 5 p.m. February 21. Ten members were present and Vice President Martin Bierman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. The minutes of January's meeting were approved as in the e-mail from President Ziems. **Treasurer's Report-** Jeff Brown reported a checking balance of \$927.81. No bills were submitted. Martin gave Jeff information on IRS form 990-N to be filed electronically by tax exempt entities with less than \$25,000 in receipts. **Old Business-** Jeff circulated a thank you letter from the Goodfellows for our Christmas donation. **New Business-** Martin has filed the CTCI Chapter report to the CTCI office. He discussed contacting our non-CTCI members to encourage them to join CTCI and will discuss this with President Ziems. Martin gave a report on the February 5-6 CTCI Board meeting. Our club's proposal to host the Region 5 convention August 24-28,

2011 was sanctioned by CTCI. He also reported on the new roster, the budget, office functions, web site development, and the upcoming International Convention June 15-20 in Dayton, Ohio. The CTCI Region Directors have been asked to communicate regularly with their Chapters, promote CTCI, and encourage membership. Finally he commented on the CTCI Board elections and reported that he was honored to be elected President of the CTCI Board. Martin also commented on developing a logo and theme for our 2011 regional convention. He would like to use the theme of CTCI 50th anniversary and will develop a logo for members to see in the next few weeks. Larry Smith has agreed to be the Chief Touring Judge at our convention. **Calendar of Events:** The next meeting will be in Lincoln at the Pantry on March 21. A date in late April will be chosen at the March meeting for a meeting and meal at one of the Omaha-LaVista Conference Center restaurants. Members will be able to see the conference center where our regional will be held. Committee assignments for various regional event functions will be discussed then so members should be thinking on what area of the convention they would like to work on. Earl and Nancy Cooksey will host the May meeting at the Issak Walton cabins. Jeff Brown has a contact with a large Elvis Presley memorabilia collection in Omaha and would like to set up a club tour with him. Jeff will try to schedule a club tour in early June or sometime this summer. Martin reminded members of the CTCI International convention June 15-20 in Dayton, Ohio and told members that our club founders, the Korenkos from Sacramento, will be attending and stopping in Omaha June 13. The Biermans plan to caravan with them and

hopefully link up with some Iowa club members. Club members were encouraged to attend the convention and to contact the Hope Hotel at Wright Patterson Air Force Base as soon as possible since the hotel is filling up fast. Martin also reminded members of the Spring Fling hosted by the Hawkeye Classic Thunderbird Club July 30-Aug 1 at the West Des Moines Marriott in Des Moines, IA. He asked members to put that event on their calendars since it is always a fun event and is an easy drive. **Brag Box-** Nancy Cooksey reported that Roger Hans is recovering from surgery; Charles Bagby may be selling one of his T-Birds as part of a downsizing effort; Jeff Brown reported that his wife Diane Bessette's distant cousin, Brother Andre Bessette, is being canonized as a saint of the Holy Cross Order and they hope to attend the canonization. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Lou Bierman for Roger/Linda
Anderson

CONVENTION REMINDER

The CTCI International Convention starts June 15 thru the 19th. We should support CTCI by getting as many members there as we can. It is about 700 miles to Dayton. The Hope Hotel is filling fast. Log onto ctci.org and click events. You can download a registration form and hotel information. We could have a convoy! Register as soon as possible.

March Birthdays



March 1- Kathy Cue
March 9 - Betty Adams
March 10 - Rick Healy
March 10 - Dan McCarthy
March 17 - Roger Keepers
March 21- Jerry Ziems
March 24 - Cathy McGowan
March 24 - Bob Young
March 28 - Rosie Ziems
March 29 - Nancy Cooksey

CTCI Region 5 Director's Report February 2010

Dear CTCI Chapter and Members,

I am your newly elected CTCI Region 5 Director. Your first thought now is probably just what does a Director do. The Director's primary job is to maintain communication with the Chapters in the Region and the CTCI Board of Directors. This year at the annual CTCI Board meeting the Directors were asked to improve communication and promotion of CTCI with all the Chapters and their members. In order for me to do this effectively however the Chapters need to tell me the various contact people in each club by filling out the Chapter report sent by the CTCI office in January. If you have not received a Chapter report form please contact the office. The 2010 roster will now include phone numbers and e-mail addresses of members who have approved this. This will also help with communication.

Now let me tell you about some recent CTCI developments. First is the new web site. The web site committee is nearing completion of its work and they gave the Board a preview of the site at the annual meeting. The new site is modern, fresh, and exciting. It will allow the office to update information easily. Pictures of T-Birds submitted by members can be put on the home web page. Each time one accesses the web site a different T-Bird appears on the home page. Once the site is complete I would welcome your feedback and comments which I will take to the Board and web site committee. I think all our members will be pleased by the new site and the money spent to develop it will definitely benefit all members. Next up is the International Convention June 15-20 in Dayton, Ohio. The Ohio Valley Early Birds have been working very hard to organize an exciting convention. The driving tour to the National Museum of the United States Air Force is only one of several highlights. Registrations are coming in and this promises to be a large convention. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Also start working on getting your T-Bird road worthy since driving to a convention is a major part of the fun especially with other T-Birders. Finally, some changes have been made in the duties of the office personnel in an effort to improve member service and to promote CTCI. Hopefully your contact experience with the office will be improved but if you should have problems then I need to know. Also don't forget to tell me if the office is doing an outstanding job!

I am going to try to report to our Chapters at least twice a year on CTCI issues that you won't necessarily find in the EarlyBird. I also need to have feedback from each of you and I can be reached easiest by e-mail at nefron1@cox.net. My address and phone number are also listed on the Directors and Officers page of each EarlyBird. I have the philosophy that CTCI exists for its members and my duty is to interact with you. I hope to see many of you in Dayton this summer.

Martin Bierman #26290
CTCI Region 5 Director