

Thunder Words



February 2022 ~ Volume 45, #3
Dedicated to the 55, 56, & 57 Thunderbird
Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club
Chapter 65, Classic Thunderbird Club International



Prez Says: We are coming to the end of our winter days, and it is time to think about driving our cars. See the Tech Talk about recommendations for spring start up. Our Thursday meeting was moved to Wednesday March 16 due to St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to read about the new location in this newsletter. We are trying to find suitable restaurants in Omaha and Lincoln with meeting rooms that meet our needs. Plan on attending our first club event Saturday March 26 at the Speedway Motors Museum in Lincoln. This should be a great tour and we all can go to lunch afterwards.

Martin Bierman

Daylight Saving Time Starts
March 13, 2022
Spring Forward



Next Nebraskaland T-Bird Club meeting
March 16, 2022
6:00 PM

Apple Barrell

9905 Sapp Brothers Drive
Omaha, NE

**2022 dues not paid by
March 15, 2022, will result
in member being dropped
from roster and newsletter.**

**First Day of Spring
March 20, 2022**



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Minutes of the February Meeting

President Martin Bierman called the meeting to order at 6:43 P.M. at the Pizza Ranch in Lincoln, NE. There were eleven members present. There was a short presentation on what we needed to discuss. There was no January meeting and therefore no minutes were read. **Treasurer Jeff Brown** gave the treasurers report which was motioned approved by **Tom Woodman** and a second by **John La Duke**. The CD that we maintain is due on March 23rd. There was discussion as to what should be done. There was no decision made as we will meet again before it is due. There was a motion made by **Jack Sanford** and seconded by **Rob Kinsey** to send a contribution to the CTCI as we have in the past. **Jack** then showed a video/slide presentation of club pictures from the past year. Unfortunately, there was so much noise at our location no narration, if there was any, could be heard. There was an informal discussion on what kind of events we would like to have for the coming year. There were some known possibilities mentioned. Some were repeat events and some mentioned were events that had been planned and canceled because of the last two years. Members....if you have any wishes or ideas, please contact **Marty** or be sure to bring them up at the next meeting. We are certainly hoping that this year will see a return to normal and some of the events suggested would be great. For next month because the third Thursday falls on St. Patrick's Day it was decided that we would meet a day early at the Apple Barrell, 9905 Sapp Brothers Drive, Omaha, NE. March 16, 2022, 6:00 PM.

Brags: **Jack Sanford's** brag was the celebration of **Kayla** and his 60th wedding anniversary. **Rob** and **Vicki Kinsey** brought an anniversary cake which was shared with the members.

CHECK YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL OF THE DETAILS ON UPCOMING EVENTS.

A motion to adjourn was made by **Tom Woodman** and a second by **Quentin Moeller**.

Respectfully submitted, **Quentin Moeller, Secretary**

T-Bird Tech Talk

By *Martin Bierman*

"What should I do for spring start-up?"



Question – A Classic T-Bird owner wants to know what to do when he starts his car in the spring after several months of storage during the winter.

Answer – Since the T-Bird has only been in storage for the winter months, the start-up recommendations are different than if had been stored for several years or more. This is the procedure that I follow:

- Air the tires to the recommended psi (usually 35 psi),
- Check all fluid levels including the battery water level especially if it was on a charger all winter.
- Check the battery charge with a voltmeter.
- Look for signs of rodent damage or nests in the interior, engine compartment, air cleaner and exhaust. Look for any chewed wires in the engine compartment.
- Start the car and let it warm up. Look under the car for any leaks.
- Release the parking brake if it was set and be sure it releases and is not stuck.
- Take the car for a test drive. At the onset of the drive test the brakes and be sure the brake pedal doesn't drop to the floor indicating a leak or master cylinder failure.
- While on the test drive stop and put in fresh gas.
- If the oil and filter were not changed prior to winter storage plan to do so now.
- Wash and wax the car if not done prior to storage.

Hopefully these tips will allow you to enjoy driving your T-Bird this season.



Benefits of being a Nebraskaland T-Bird Member.

Nebraskaland T-Bird Club is the only Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) in Nebraska.

The camaraderie of fellow members is legendary. The Nebraskaland staff has adopted a Commitment Statement of support for all members of the club regardless of the Thunderbird they own or the level of involvement in the hobby.

Members receive 12 issues of the Nebraskaland **Thunder Words**, the official club publication. This Newsletter features National and local club news, a listing of shows and activities, feature articles on Thunderbirds of all years, and technical articles.

Members may submit photos and articles for publication as feature cars.

Members receive free classified advertisements in ThunderWords Newsletter.

CTCI members elect the national board of directors and may run for the board or other national office.

2022 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 Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club care of Jeff Brown, Treasurer, 7225 South 103 Street, LaVista, NE 68128



CTCI NEWS

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

“Thunderbirds Flock to Texas”

CTCI INTERNATIONAL CONCOURS CONVENTION

October 25-30, 2022

Enthusiasts from across the Thunderbird world are invited to a fun International Concours Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Trailer or drive your Classic Thunderbird to participate in Concours or Touring judging. Or drive your Thunderbird and take part in the driving tour of the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

Come experience 300 years of San Antonio history and participate in the events being considered. Examples include bus tours to the Toyota truck assembly plant, the Historic Alamo, Texas Missions, Riverwalk and Market Square, Tower of America’s Space Needle, Natural Bridge Caverns and a Car Cruise through Luckenbach and Fredericksburg.

This International Concours event, the first in four years, is expected to sell out quickly. To reserve your spot, complete the form below and submit your deposit check for \$50.00. Alternatively, you can preregister using the CTCI website store at www.ctci.org. This deposit will be applied towards the cost of your convention registration or refunded if your plans change.

Also, reservations are being accepted at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort & Spa. The reservation number is (210) 647-1234 and the reservation code is **G-TIC2**. The hotel on-line registration link is:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SANHC/G-TIC2>

Early arrival check-in begins on Tuesday October 25th, 2022, with a full schedule of activities beginning on October 26th and the Awards Banquet on Saturday night, October 29.

Stay tuned for Constant Contact updates, check the Early Bird and view updates on CTCI.org.

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2022 CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Complete the information below and mail this form with a check for \$50.00 payable to:

CTCI Classic Convention Productions, LLC

Attn: Sharon Bosley

P.O. Box 2053

Mission, Kansas 66201

CTCI NO: _____ Phone: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME: _____ # Attending: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

No refunds or cancellations after September 17th, 2022.

Pre-Registration Questions? Call the CTCI office at (816) 421-827



Dear CTCI Member,

Below is the "almost finalized" schedule for the 2022 International Convention coming up this fall in San Antonio. Watch for additional email updates and the next issue of Early Bird for more details as they become available. Hope to see you there!

President, Brian Carrion



"Almost" Final Schedule of Events*

<p>Tuesday, Oct 25 Open - Registration - Car wash stations - Hospitality Room - Silent Auction/Vendor Room Smores' Party</p> <p>Wednesday, Oct 26 Open - Registration - Car wash stations - Hospitality Room - Silent Auction/Vendor Room Offsite Event #1 - Details to follow CTCI Board Meeting CTCI Membership Meeting "Ask the Experts" session Welcome Cocktail Party</p> <p>Thursday, Oct 27 Open - Registration - Car wash stations - Hospitality Room - Silent Auction/Vendor Room Concours Judges Training Offsite Event #2 - Details to follow Trailride Chuckwagon Dinner</p>	<p>Friday, Oct 28 Open - Registration - Hospitality Room - Silent Auction/Vendor Room Owners/Judges Meeting Concours Judging Judges Luncheon Offsite Event #3 - Details to follow Texas BBQ Dinner</p> <p>Saturday, Oct 29 Open - Hospitality Room - Silent Auction/Vendor Room Swap Meet - Parking Lot Thunderbird Driving Tour Awards Banquet - Tex Mex</p> <p>Sunday, Oct 30 Hotel check-out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">* to be finalized by April 2022</p>
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Calendar of Events

March 6 ENWICC Swap Meet – Lancaster Event Center 4100 N. 84th St. Lincoln

March 16 Nebraskaland T-Bird Club business meeting (see map page 8)

New location: Apple Barrell, 9905 Sapp Brothers Drive, Omaha, NE

March 26 Speedway Motors Museum 10:00 AM – Lincoln, NE (see map page 9)

599 Oakcreek Dr., Lincoln, NE 68528

April 21 Nebraskaland T-Bird Club business meeting

May 1 Rally Run for Fun – details to follow in future publications

May 19-22 Mocking Bird Run Chattanooga, TN – see page 64 Jan/Feb Early Bird

Watch our website "SmokyMountainThunderbirds.org" for updates

June

July

August 10-14 VTCI Convention Kansas City, MO - see page 7- 8

September

October 25-30 CTCL Convention San Antonio, TX - see page 6

November

December

2022 VTCI International Convention

More detailed information at VTCI.com under VTCI Happenings/events

2022 VTCI International Convention

Meet in the Middle

August 10-14, 2022 – Kansas City, MO

Embassy Suites, Kansas City Airport

Wednesday is registration day with a free welcome party in the PM

Thursday has a half day bus tour to the World War I museum

Friday has an all-day bus tour to the Bingham-Waggoner Estate and Truman Presidential Library/Museum with a box lunch

Friday night has a pizza party

Saturday is the Concours car show with awards banquet that evening

Hotel rates are \$129 plus tax per night

Saturday Night Dinner is \$60 per person

The VTCI website should have the registration details and forms soon



2022 VTCI International Convention Registration August 10-14, 2022

Name _____ Current VTCI # _____
 Spouse/Child(ren) _____
 Mailing Street Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone () _____ E-Mail Address _____
 VTCI Chapter Affiliation _____
 Are You Willing To Judge? Yes No Trailered Car? Yes No
 1st Entry - Year _____ VIN# _____ Color _____
 2nd Entry - Year _____ VIN# _____ Color _____
 Division (write in 2nd car only) _____
 Senior Divisions Only - When Became Senior? / City _____ Year _____

Non-Judged Divisions

- Senior Participation: T-Birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention.
- Display: Open to all years

Judged Divisions (see Vol 1 concours rules on website, vintagethunderbirdclub.net, free PDF to members)

- Senior: T-Birds having received 1st Place in Primary Division at a VTCI International Convention and are eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" award.
- Primary: Eligible for "Best of Show/Larry Seyfarth" award 1955-1979 only. Only path to obtain Senior.
- Driver: 1955-1979 only, engine compartment, trunk & undercarriage not judged
- Late Model: 1980-1997 300 point system all areas judged
- Modified: 1955-1997 300 point system all areas judged
- Touring: 1955-1997 only. Undercarriage not judged, some modifications for safety, reliability & comfort allowed, see Vol 1 Concours Rules
- 2002-2005: 100 point system, no undercarriage judged
- 2002-2005 Modified: 100 point system, no undercarriage judged
- Wixom Preservation & Authenticity Awards - Internationals only (separate application 30 days in advance):

Event	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
Single/Family Registration _____	_____ x	\$45.00	\$ _____
Additional Car(s) (List info for 3 rd car on back) _____	_____ x	\$15.00	\$ _____
Wednesday 10 th Welcome Reception _____	_____ x	FREE	\$ FREE
Thursday 11 th Tour: National WW1 Museum/Memorial, ½ day tour Transportation, admission included. Lunch on your own	_____ x	\$35.00	\$ _____
Friday 12 th Tour: Bingham-Waggoner Museum/Estate & Truman Library/Museum, full day tour Transportation, admission, box lunch included	_____ x	\$70.00	\$ _____
Evening Reception _____ Pizza Party _____	_____ x	\$15.00	\$ _____
Saturday 13th Awards Banquet			
Grill Seared Chicken Breast _____	_____ x	\$60.00	\$ _____
Beef Tenderloin _____	_____ x	\$60.00	\$ _____
Grilled Atlantic Salmon _____	_____ x	\$60.00	\$ _____
Cheese Tortellini _____	_____ x	\$60.00	\$ _____
T-Shirt <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XXXL _____	_____ x	\$15.00	\$ _____
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Polo- Shirt Women <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL <input type="checkbox"/> XXXL _____	_____ x	\$35.00	\$ _____
Total Enclosed (in US funds) _____ \$			

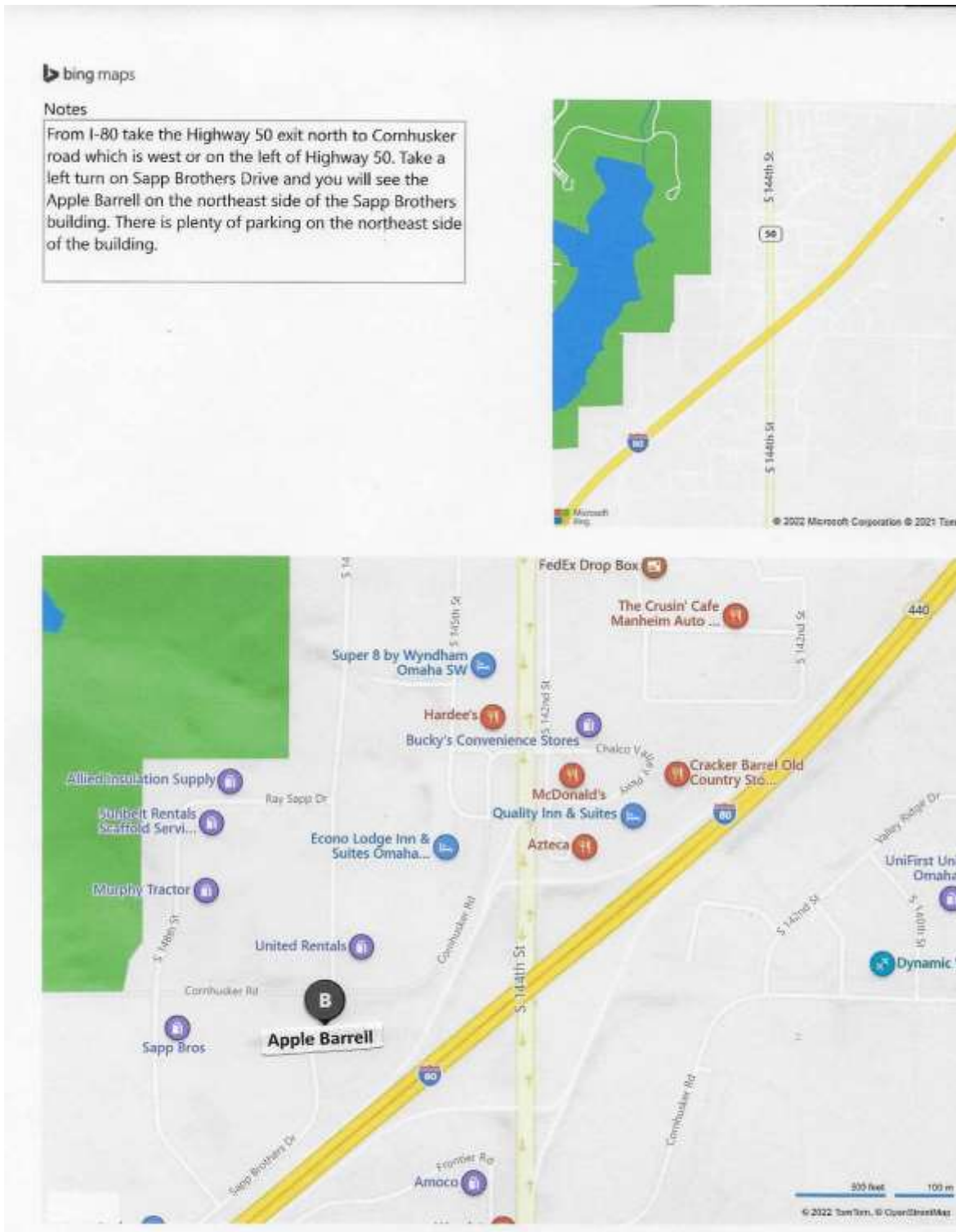
Make checks payable to: Vintage Thunderbirds of Kansas City Registration cutoff date July 19th, 2022
Send to: Cliff & Pat Lieske 4160 Tyler St NE Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Hotel Information: Embassy Suites Kansas City Airport 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway Kansas City, MO 64153
 Reservations: 1-816-891-7788 Email: mkcpcd@atriumhospitality.com Cutoff date is July 19, 2022
 Mention "Vintage Thunderbird Club". Rates are \$129.00 + tax/night w/breakfast (ADA rooms available, contact hotel)

Early registration bonus: Paid in full registration received by March 1, 2022 receive four chances for a free Embassy Suites room night. Three chances if received by April 1st, two chances if received by May 1st, and one chance if received by June 1st. Multiple winners, can only win once, based on number of room nights booked, will be announced at the Awards Banquet.



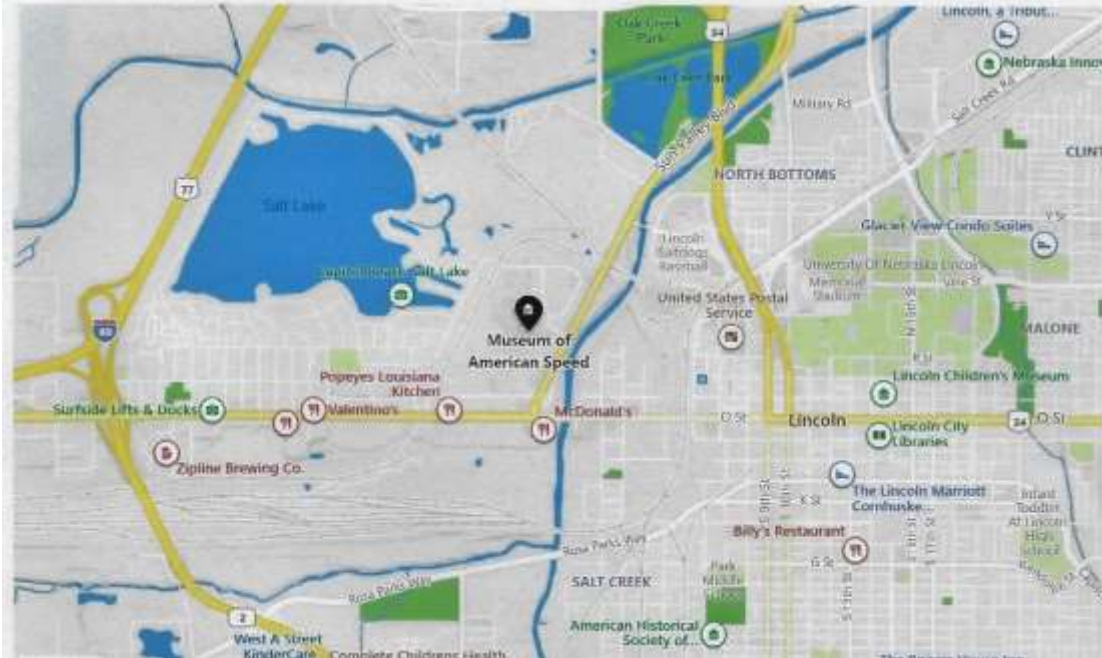
Apple Barrell Restaurant 9905 Sapp Brothers Drive Omaha, NE 68138



Museum of American Speed

Address: 599 Oakcreek Dr, Lincoln, NE 68528
Phone: (402) 323-3166
Website: <https://museumofamericanspeed.com/default.dlp>
Hours
 Monday - Friday 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM
 Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

You can reach Speedway Motors from any direction from US Highway #6. Coming from the east US #6 is also called Sun Valley Blvd. Follow US # 6 to Victory Lane. Turn right on Victory Lane. Speedway Motors is straight ahead. The same instructions are true coming from the west, only turn left at Victory Lane.



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