

Thunder Words



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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



Prez Says: I am sorry that I had to cancel February's meeting in Lincoln, but the roads were still snow covered from the morning's storm and I did not want any of our members to risk coming to the meeting. At our March 16 meeting we will finish plans for club events for the next few months. **Bob McGowan** has volunteered to arrange a weekend lunch in April at one of Fremont's two 50's style diners. We will plan to attend a car show in late May. The Kansas City T-Bird club is planning an interesting tour event in June so be sure to come to our meeting to hear about this. Also, if any member has a particular event, he or she wishes to arrange we can always make room in the event calendar. Remember, this is your club and I want our members to plan the events they wish to attend. It is time to start getting your T-Bird ready for the driving season and see the tech note for advice on spring start-up. I hope to see many of our members March 16.

Martin Bierman

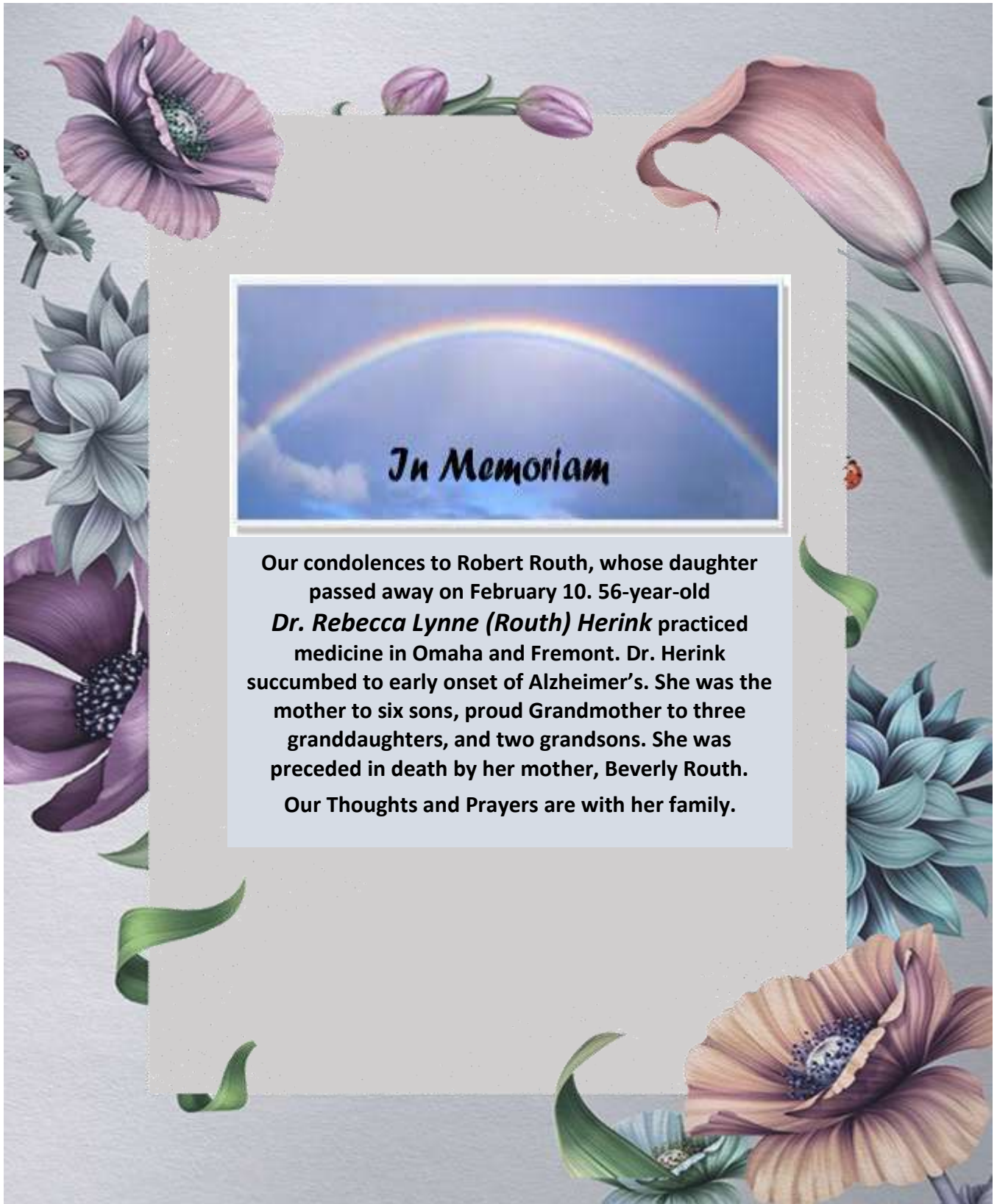
**49th Annual Rocky Manginelli
Memorial swap Meet
Sunday, March 5, 2021
Lancaster Event Center
4100 North 84th Street
Lincoln, NE 68507**

**Next Meeting
March 16, 2023, 6 PM
Apple Barrell
9905 Sapp Brothers Drive
Omaha, NE**



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Our condolences to Robert Routh, whose daughter passed away on February 10. 56-year-old ***Dr. Rebecca Lynne (Routh) Herink*** practiced medicine in Omaha and Fremont. Dr. Herink succumbed to early onset of Alzheimer’s. She was the mother to six sons, proud Grandmother to three granddaughters, and two grandsons. She was preceded in death by her mother, Beverly Routh. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with her family.



T-Bird Tech Talk

By Martin Bierman



“What should I do in the spring to get ready for driving season”?

Question- a Classic T-Bird owner wants to know what is necessary to get ready for the driving season.


Answer- Assuming the T-Bird was stored for only the last few months during the winter here are the areas to inspect and treat to get ready for the driving season. First, inspect under the car for any leaks that may have developed over the winter and indicate problems that need to be addressed. Look at the back of the wheels and tires for any evidence of brake fluid leakage from the wheel cylinders. Check for oil, transmission, rear end, and radiator fluid leaks. Next check all fluid levels and replace as needed to include antifreeze, power steering fluid, battery water, manual transmission and rear end gear oil and brake fluid. Check the oil and change the oil and filter if it was not done last fall. Check the battery voltage and charge it if needed. Check the tire air and set all tires at 35 psi. Check the age of your tires on the date code and replace if more than eight years old. Fill the gas tank with fresh gas. Check for any rodent damage to under hood wires or nests in the air cleaner and exhaust pipes.

Next start the car and allow it to reach operating temperature. Check again under the car for any fluid leaks. It is not unusual for the automatic transmission to spit some fluid out the overflow valve until the torque converter fills up. Check the automatic transmission fluid level when the car is hot and in park and after having run through the gears several times.

Now you are ready to drive the car. Start slowly and check the brakes for good pedal height and stopping ability. Listen for any unusual noises or rattles. Enjoy your first ride of the year and the upcoming driving season.



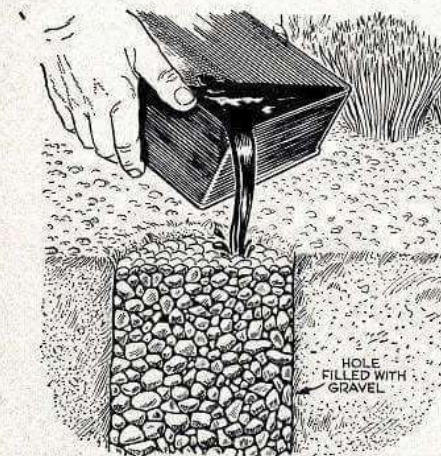
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SPRAY DOT 3 INSECTICIDE ON WHEELS

RINSE WITH HOSE

Wheels can be thrown out of balance by a buildup of wheel ants. Protect your car's smooth ride with weekly applications of automotive grade insecticide.



HOLE FILLED WITH GRAVEL

Disposing of used engine oil can be a problem. Solution: Dig a hole in the ground with a posthole digger and fill it with fine gravel. Then pour in the oil. It will be absorbed into the ground before your next change. Cover the spot with soil.

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USE CAR'S EXHAUST TO CLEAN CUSHIONS



Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

Would this really work?



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CTCI UPDATES

Regional Driving Tours/Concours Convention 24-29 October 2023 - The Villages, Florida

What are The Villages:

A 55+ community in Central Florida

Fastest growing master-planned community in the country

Covers approximately 32 square miles and approximately 750 miles of roads.

Population of 139,822 people

Residents enjoy more than three thousand clubs that cover just about any hobby or interest a person could have. The clubs are managed by residents.

48 golf courses (36 Executive and 12 Championship)

Where are The Villages:

55 miles from Orlando, Fl 96 miles from Cape Canaveral, Fl

57 miles from Walt Disney World 181 miles from Miami, Fl

75 miles from Tampa, Fl 240 Miles from Naples, Fl

Pre-Register Now For:

Concours Judging and Training

Driving Tours To:

- National Parts Depot Ocala's Automobile & Kodak Camera Collections
- Don Garlits Museum's
- Eisenhower Recreation Center for Guided Military Tour
- The Villages Town Squares for nightly free live bands

Other Fun Events

- Welcome to the Villages Dinner at Wolfgang Puck
- Back to the 50's Welcome reception with live band
- Guided Trolley tour of The Villages by motor trolley
- Motor coach trip to Orland for Dezerland car collections
- Motor coach trip to Mt Dora for Wubker "Street of Dreams" and Premier Boat Tour on Lake Dora & Wildlife Tour on Dora Canal

A Pre-Registration form is available on the CTCI Website home page

Hotel Reservations can be made now at the Brownwood Hotel

- Group Direct Booking Link - No login/Attendee Code needed:

Reservation URL: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/110411?groupID=3721196>

Or call the hotel at 352.626.1246, press 1 for reservations.

On Behalf of the Board,

Brian Carron, President



Please read the following!

John Smith plus CTCI Director, **Marsha Hash**, were working on a proposal for the CTCI Board to approve a Sanctioned CTCI Regional in Kansas City this June. The CTCI Board did not approve the event.

However, there was significant interest via the survey CTCI held, and five CTCI Chapters had Members volunteer to assist, so **John** is willing to coordinate the event.

This would not have judging of cars, just socializing and a couple driving tours, such as the Historical Missouri town of Weston, Missouri, home of McCormick Distillery, with many Antique shops and restaurants, possibly a tour of the Jesse James Farm, his gravesite and touring the first Bank he held up.... other ideas also. The tours would be less than 60 miles. This would probably be a Thursday evening or Friday morning arrival, tours on Friday afternoon and Saturday, some free time for shopping at Zona Rosa nearby the Embassy Suites Hotel at the KC Airport, and meals either at the Hotel or on your own. The Embassy Suites cost would be APPROXIMATELY \$135 per night including taxes and that comes with a cooked to order breakfast plus a Managers Reception each afternoon with free wine, beer and snacks.

If you are interested in attending something like this (Fun, Fun, Fun) with friends you haven't seen since COVID, please e-mail **John Smith** @ tbird57@socket.net or **Marsha Hash** @ marshahash@hotmail.com or **Bob Young** @ bobyoung@inbox.com.

If there is enough interest, the group will put an informal event together.

Members please e-mail one or all of the people listed above ASAP, but by March 15th, so we can determine interest in the Event. Any questions, e-mail **John Smith**.

The above item will be discussed at our March 16th business meeting. However, you are encouraged to reply directly to the committee heading up this event ASAP but no later than March 15th. As information, The Vintage Thunderbird Club International is having their International Convention August 16-19 in suburban Atlanta, Georgia...if interested, their Website is vintage thunderbird club.net....registration forms are there along with details of the venue.

The Sanctioned Event for CTCI in 2023 is in late October at the Villages in Florida. Information is listed above under CTCI Updates, in the Early Bird, and on CTCI's Website.

Both are a long way from Nebraska. The KC trip may be our best bet for a summer get-together with other clubs.



2023 Calendar of Events

March 5 – 49th annual Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet – Lancaster Event Center – Lincoln, NE

March 16 - Nebraskaland T-Bird Club meeting – 6:00 PM - Apple Barrell – Omaha, NE

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

April 20 - Nebraskaland T-Bird Club meeting – 6:00 PM - Track Side Café, Waverly, NE

April Late - Meet at a diner in Fremont – Details to follow

May 21 - Thunderbird Appreciation Day

May Late - Gears car show in Bennington

June 6-10 - Regional meet in Kansas City – more on this later – Local Rally Run -Details to follow

November 18 – Friendsgiving Club dinner – Misty's at Havelock - Lincoln, NE (save the date)



You left your Thunderbird to your son!!!

FOR SALE

Tom Woodman is getting out of the restoring business and is liquidating his inventory.

Tom can be reached at 402-464-0569.

1. 1957 Ford Thunderbird project car.
Car has a Nebraska Title.
Car has a lot of new parts.
Car has an automatic transmission.
Buyer would be advised to know how to weld, as welding will be required.
Call **Tom** for details of car's condition.
2. 312 Pistons, crankshaft, rods
3. 292 pistons, crankshaft
4. One bare block
5. Cylinder heads
6. Thunderbird body rotator



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**Member Birthday
March**

Robert Keepers, Jr. – 17
Sandy Gough – 19
Cathy McGowan – 24
Bob Young - 24
Diane Young - 28

If you want to be recognized, please
 send your birthdate to
jesanford@cox.net.

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Wreck of the month! Don't drink and Drive!!!



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