

Thunder Words



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Prez Says: Mother nature didn't cooperate with the planned fall foliage tour planned by **Jack** and **Kayla**. Apparently, the route was checked out a few days prior to the event and **Kayla** was quite impressed with the amount of roadkill to identify along the route. We all had a good laugh about "what could have been!" Thanks **Jack** and **Kayla** for planning the event. Six brave souls met at the Ashland exit at the designated time and toured to the candy outlet in Greenwood and on to Waverly's Track Side Cafe for an early meeting and dinner. Good conversation made the time go quickly and the day enjoyable. **Jim Lantz** provided us meal details for the annual dinner meeting and social. Thanks **Jim** and **Jeff Hoffman** for hosting what will be a very nice dinner at Firethorn in Lincoln. **Vicki** and **I** hope many members will join us for the last official hurrah for 2021 (aka COVID Year Two). We have enjoyed the friendships made through the club. Wonderful, knowledgeable, pleasant people to be with. It's not too late to consider running for an office. Elections are at this month's dinner meeting. Everyone please drive safely through the winter months and properly ready your bird for the cold so you can enjoy 2022.

Rob



Minutes of the October 24th Meeting

President Rob Kinsey called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM at the Track Side Cafe in Waverly, NE.

The September minutes were approved as read.

There was no treasurers report.

Old Business:

Jim Lance and **Jeff Hoffman** are coordinating the Friendsgiving Party at the Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln. Be sure you check the newsletter for instructions on how to be involved (see pages 9 & 10 for sign-up sheet and map). There is a lot of information about this including cost, times, menu, and associated activities. Please read carefully and mail the attendance form in as soon as you can.....time is short.

Jeff Brown will take care of the annual ENWICC dues.

There will be a 2022 ENWICC swap meet March 6, 2022. Check the newsletter for more information.

We need nominations for Vice-President and CTCI Rep. Anybody who is wanting or willing to take on these responsibilities please let **Rob**, or any officer know. It's a good way to get to know the members. It was also mentioned that from now until the first of the year you can join CTCI for free.

New Business:

Brags: **Jim Lantz** bragged about his landscaping project. **Jack Sanford** had an active summer attending seven car shows and gathering four firsts and three "nothings." **Jack** also said that the reason he didn't

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place at the Shriners show was that the judges picked only red ones. (Yes, I have a red one.... third place.) **Rob and Vicki Kinsey** are very proud of their grandson being involved with his baseball team that reached the finals.

CHECK YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL OF THE DETAILS ON UPCOMING EVENTS.
The meeting was adjourned by **President Rob Kinsey** at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, **Quentin Moeller, Secretary**

MEMBER PROFILE

By Jack Sanford



This picture was produced by **Rich Fiddelke** at the Valley, NE Valley Days Car Show, August 15, 2021. I watched this gentleman photograph my car and then he dropped a business card onto the front seat. The Card read:

“If you are reading this card, it means I have photographed your car, truck, or motorcycle at the car show. If you would like a free digital file of your vehicle, send me an email with the specific car show, the date, your name, and vehicle description, and I will email a digital file. It may take me a while as I process the images, so please be patient. Thank you for sharing. This is my way to share my hobby with you. Your vehicle may be included in a blog post in the future.

Prints at Fine Art America
Richard-fiddelke.pixels.com”

I was so impressed with the artwork, I just had to share it. On this day, the car took first place in the 1950 to 1959 Class.





T-Bird Tech Talk

“My brake lights are on with the car parked”

By Martin Bierman

Question – An owner of a 1955 T-Bird found that his brake lights are on when no one is in the car. He has had to disconnect the battery to prevent the battery from draining. What is wrong and how can it be fixed?

Answer – The brake light switch is defective and allowing the brake lights to remain on. The brake light switch gets battery power from the headlight switch and the ignition does not need to be on for the brake lights to work. The switch is located on the driver’s side chassis area below the battery. It is screwed into a brass junction block for the brake lines. To remove the switch disconnect the battery and then disconnect the two green wires from the switch; use a wrench to unscrew it from the brass junction block.

Replace with a new switch from any of the T-Bird vendors and replace the two green wires on the switch. The brakes may need to be bled if air enters the line when the switch is removed.



CTCI NEWS



Highlights of CTCI Video Board Meeting

October 8, 2021

- **Treasurer John Kledis** reported that for the past 2 months we have been at near breakeven. We need to continue to attract new members if we are going to remain “in the black”.



- The Board Certified the CTCI Board of Directors Election. The Election was observed by **Chairman Emeritus Bob Witt** and **Director-At-Large John Smith**. The Election Results are as follows:

Director-At-Large: **Chuck Thompson – ELECTED**

4268	Number of Ballots sent out
1353	Number of Ballots returned for a percentage of: 31.7%
721	Number of votes for Chuck Thompson ; a percentage of: 53.3%
595	Number of votes for Ross Woodman ; a percentage of: 44.0%

Region 1: **Darcy Knapp - ELECTED**

674	Number of Ballots sent out
234	Number of Ballots returned for a percentage of: 34.7%
122	Number of votes for Darcy Knapp ; a percentage of: 52.1%
112	Number of votes for Liz Robinson ; a percentage of: 47.9%

Region 3: **Cathy Stubbs – ELECTED**

706	Number of Ballots sent out
305	Number of Ballots returned for a percentage of: 43.2%
241	Number of votes for Cathy Stubbs ; for a percentage of: 79.0%
64	Number of votes for Ed Benson ; for a percentage of: 21.0%

- In Region 5 we had a first-ever situation, as far as our records show, in that there was a tie and thus neither candidate was elected.



Region 5: **Brian Carron & Steve Clouser – Tied; Neither ELECTED**

640	Number of Ballots sent out
236	Number of Ballots returned for a percentage of: 36.9%
118	Number of votes for Brian Carron ; a percentage of: 50.0%
118	Number of votes for Steve Clouser ; a percentage of: 50.0%

- Thus, following the CTCI By-Laws, the Wyoming Non-Profit Corporate laws, and Roberts Rules of Order, the Board passed a Motion that declared Region 5 as vacant effective 1/1/2022. The Board then passed a Motion, in accordance with CTCI By-Laws Article 5 para 3, that the Board could appoint a director to fill the vacant Region 5 Director position. The Board voted to fill the position with **Brian Carron**.

- **President Brian Carron** reported that the Website Active Management RFP was closed. There were 4 total respondents. One of those did not meet the criteria of the RFP while the other three are finalists. After a thorough review, a single vendor will be chosen.

- The Board passed a Motion to accept the written recommendation of the CTCI Convention Steering Committee. The 2022 Convention will be held in the Fall of 2022.

- **Garrett Shropshire** reported that the CTCI File Portal has been purchased and the office is in the process of loading all of the current files. Several members of Technical Advisors, CTCI Technical Committee, and The Early Bird Committee will have initial access to the Portal. The CTCI File Portal will hold all of the electronic files, technical articles, pictures, videos, etc. of CTCI.

- **Garrett Shropshire** presented a draft of membership rules to be added to the OP&P. These will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

The next board meeting is set for November 12, 2021

On Behalf of the Board

Brian Carron, CTCI President



Calendar of Events for 2021

November__7th Daylight saving time ends – set your clocks back one hour

November __11th Veterans Day

November__20th Friendsgiving –**Jeff Hoffman & Jim Lantz** – see pages 9 & 10

November__25th Thanksgiving Day

December __12th El Bee’s 5pm__ - **Rob & Vicki Kinsey**_____

Calendar of Events for 2022
Signup sheet

January_____	February_____
March_____	April_____
May_____	June_____
July_____	August_____
September_____	October_____
November_____	December_____

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, Treasure, 7225 South 103 Street, LaVista, NE 68128





October 24, 2021, Waverly, NE

L to R – Rob, Vicki, Quentin, Jim, Kayla, Jack

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NEBRASKALAND THUNDERBIRD CLUB 2021 FRIENDSGIVING PARTY



This year’s annual dinner party is being held on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at Lincoln’s Firethorn Golf Course, 9301 Firethorn Lane. Instead of a Christmas Party, it was decided to hold our annual Christmas Party during the month of November and call it a Friendsgiving Party.

The Nebraska Children's Home suggested gift cards in \$10 to \$25 amounts again this year. As you recall because of Covid we did not have a Christmas Party in 2020 and did our gift giving via gift cards. This method worked so well for the children’s home they recommended continuing the pattern this year.

Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 PM with a plated dinner being served at 6:30 PM. There will be a cash bar serving mixed drinks, beer, and wine.

After appetizers of, (a)smoked salmon tray (capers, pickled onion, hard-boiled eggs, Dijonnaise, dill cream cheese, crackers) and (b)chicken satay (marinated chicken skewers, sweet chili dipping sauce.)

- There are two dinner choices, (1) Parmesan crusted tilapia with tartar sauce
- (2) Beef tenderloin with red wine demi-glace

Both dinners choices include Dinner rolls, a Garden salad, Southwest roasted red potatoes, Sauteed green beans, and Grilled asparagus. This is followed by a selection of desserts including Salted caramel brownies, Butterscotch blondies, and Mini desserts (key lime, chocolate peanut butter.) Coffee and tea will be served as part of the meal. Please indicate the number of your dinner selections as follows:

_____ Parmesan crusted tilapia @ \$20.00 per person
 _____ Beef tenderloin @ \$20.00 per person
 _____ 2022 Club dues @ \$15.00 per family

The dinner price shown above includes tax and gratuity. The Club is paying one half of the meal charge. You are on your own at the cash bar.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mail your completed reservation form, together with a check for your dinner costs to:

Jeff Brown, 7225 South 103rd Street, La Vista, NE 68128

If you desire to pay your 2022 club dues at this time add \$15.00 to your check.

THE RESERVATION DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021.

Any questions? Call our hosts, **Jeff**, and **Jim** at 402-499-6063 or 402-525-0866



DIRECTIONS AND MAP

From I-80

- Take Exit 409 (Waverly/East Lincoln)
- Turn Left/West onto Hwy 6
- Turn Left/South onto N 84th ST (2.7 miles)
- Turn Left/East onto Van Dorn ST (6.3 miles)
- Turn Right/South onto S 91st ST (0.6 miles)
- Turn Left/East onto Firethorn LN (0.4 miles)

