

Thunder Words



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



Prez Says: What a great tour of the Templeton distillery we had with the Hawkeye Classic Thunderbird Club. We shared a lunch in Manning, Iowa and toured the distillery in Templeton, Iowa where we learned the history of Iowa whiskey making and saw a state-of-the-art factory. The tour ended with a whiskey tasting of two of their most popular brands. At our last meeting the current officers, newsletter editor, social media director and CTCI representative were nominated as a slate for 2023. We will vote on this slate at our November Friendsgiving Dinner. I hope to see all of our members at the

November dinner where the club will pay for appetizers and desserts. Don't forget to bring gift cards for the Nebraska Children's home. Now is the time to prepare your T-Bird for winter storage and see the tech note in this newsletter regarding this.

Martin Bierman

Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club Member's Annual Children's Home gift card contributions will be received at the Friendsgiving Dinner November 19, 2022. Cards may be sent to Treasurer, Jeff Brown if not attending the dinner.

Next Event/Meeting
November 19, 2022, 11:15 AM
Farmer Brown's Restaurant
2620 River Road Drive
Waterloo, NE
Friendsgiving Dinner



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Minutes of the Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club meeting October 18, 2022

President Martin Bierman called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. at the Trackside Bar and Grill in Waverly, NE. There were eight members present.

Last month's minutes were approved with a motion by **Rob** and a second by **Tom**.

A treasurer's report was given by **Treasurer Jeff Brown**.

Old Business:

Information on "Friendsgiving" was updated. Don't forget the gift cards for the children's home. Also, the food bank donation was discussed. It will be the same as last year for the benefit of Lincoln, Omaha, and Norfolk. Make sure you check the newsletter for the details.

Marty and **Jack** gave a report of the October event at the Templeton distillery. It was attended by twenty-one souls, six from Nebraska and fifteen from the Iowa club. Lunch was held at Manning, IA and if you ever get that way be sure a stop at the Level B Café on the main road in Manning. The café is housed in a former car dealership. Although the distillery has been around since the early 1920's, it is now a totally modern facility. There was a guide for the plant and the plant's museum. Lot of interesting facts about the town and prohibition. The tour ended in the tasting room, where samples of the Templeton Rye was furnished. Everyone enjoyed this!

New Business:

There will be no November meeting and the December meeting will be at the Trackside Bar and Grill in Waverly on the 15th. A brief meeting will be held at the dinner on the 19th.

Club officer nominations will be in for the December meeting. All officers present agreed to run for their current positions. Only the vice-president was absent. He will be contacted. Nominations are still welcome.

Jack made a motion with a second by **Rob** that the officers be appointed by acclamation.

Event agenda will need to be discussed.

Reminder....December meeting is at 6:00 PM in Waverly at the Trackside Bar and Grill. Plan on attending as next year's activities will be discussed.

Brag:

Jack is well on the way to getting his transmission fixed after pulling the engine and transmission with the help of **Marty**. A transmission shop in Lincoln is doing the rebuild.

Tom had an interesting story of his Pennsylvania trip that ended up on a movie set of Johnny Depp in the middle of the woods.

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

A motion to adjourn was made by **Jack** with a second by **Rob**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin Moeller, Secretary



T-Bird Tech Talk

By Martin Bierman



“What should I do to prepare my T-Bird for winter storage?”

Question- A T-Bird member wants to know what to do to prepare his T-Bird for winter storage.

Answer-Our T-Birds are going into winter storage for at least 5 months depending on how early spring comes. The following are some tips to prevent any problems over the winter months and to insure a trouble-free start up in the spring.

- Wash and wax the car; clean the interior and be sure no food is left inside.
- Change the oil and oil filter.
- Charge the battery. Disconnect the battery and use a trickle charger to maintain the charge or check its charge monthly. If unheated storage, bring the battery inside.
- Inflate the tires about 5 psi above the recommended psi since tires lose about this amount in storage. It is not necessary to put the car on jack stands since the storage time is not that long. If it is stored for a longer period such as several years, then use jack stands to take the pressure off the suspension and avoid flat spots on the tires.
- Fill the gas tank with fresh non-ethanol gasoline if available. Add a gas stabilizer such as Stabil to the fuel and run the engine to fill the carburetor with the treated gas. T-Bird gas tanks are vented so condensation can form in the tank with changing temperatures. A full tank will minimize this. Heated storage will help avoid this as well.
- Check all fluid levels and adjust them as needed. Check the anti-freeze freezing point if using unheated storage.
- Cover the car with a breathable car cover.
- Inspect your storage area for rodent entry points and correct. Use your favorite rodent prevention items such as traps, bait, dryer sheets, etc.
- Finally, check on your car at least monthly or after severe storms. Drive it for 15-20 minutes if the weather and roads permit.

Calendar of Events for 2022

November 19 - Friendsgiving Dinner/Meeting 6:00 PM – Farmer Brown’s – Waterloo, NE

December 15 – Nebraskaland T-Bird Club meeting – Track Side Café Waverly, NE



NEBRASKALAND THUNDERBIRD CLUB
2022 FRIENDSGIVING PARTY

This year's annual dinner party is being held on **Saturday, November 19, 2022**, at Farmer Brown's, Waterloo, NE. This is our second year to hold a Friendsgiving Party instead of the traditional Christmas Party.

There will be a cash bar available, and our dinner will start at 7:00 PM. This year we will be ordering from the menu. Each meal will have a 20% gratuity added to pay for the room.

The Club will furnish appetizers and dessert. See sample menu below for choices.

Please RSVP to Jack Sanford at 402-392-1350 or jesanford@cox.net by November 10, 2022. Please include names of those attending.

The Nebraska Children's Home suggested gift cards in \$10 to \$25 amounts. This method works best for the children. The gift cards make it easy to deliver the right gift for all ages.



2620 River Road Dr, Waterloo, NE



From Maple: Turn south on J.C. Robinson Road (first street after crossing the Elkhorn River). Follow J.C. Robinson through town, across the railroad tracks and then turn left on Front Street. Front Street turns into River Road after two blocks. Farmer Brown's is 1000 feet on your right.

From the west on Maple: Same as above except you turn right off Maple. If you cross the Elk Horn River, you have gone too far.

From The 288 Link or Express Way/ Dodge: Turn right at the River Road Drive (first turn after crossing the Elk Horn River). Follow River Road Drive for about one mile and a half. Farmer Brown's is on your left.

If you are coming from the West on the 288 Link, take the off ramp for River Road Drive and then turn north over the 288 Link. Follow River Road Drive for about one mile and a half. Farmer Brown's is on your left.



Entrees

We do not season our meat but please ask your server for some Farmer brown's house Steak seasoning. \$10 split plate charge, comes with : Dinner Salad, Spaghetti Or Green Beans, Choice Of Potatoes and Hot Bread. Split plate with no sides is \$5 a plate.



U.S.D.A. CHOICE STEAKS



Served with Coleslaw or Lettuce Salad, Choice of Potatoes, Hot Bread (freshly baked), Spaghetti or Vegetable. 4 oz Extra cut \$8

*Club Steak 19 Cut of prime sirloin, 10 oz.	*Tenderloin Beef En Brochette 28 Cuts of Tenderloin, Vegetable rice.
*Large Filet 34 Top choice grade. 8 oz. (Bacon wrapped \$1.50 extra.)	*Ma Brown's Steak 7oz. 17 Delicious prime steak
*Petite Filet 29 Top choice. 6 oz.	Tender Country Fried Steak 17 With Mushroom Sauce.
*New York Strip 34 (Boneless.) 14 oz.	Chicken Fried Steak 17 Breaded & Grilled, With Home Style White Gravy
*Rib Eye - Boneless 34 Always tender and well marbled. 14 oz.	*Chopped Steak 17 Bacon wrapped, Mushroom Sauce.
*Choice Porterhouse Steak 40 Farmer's favorite. 24 oz.	

TEMPERATURE CHART: To ensure each steak is cooked to perfection, here are our guidelines ...
RARE: Cool Red Center | **MEDIUM RARE:** Warm Red Center | **MEDIUM:** Rosy Pink Center
MEDIUM WELL: Slightly Pink Center | **WELL :** brown center

CHOICE PRIME RIB OF BEEF AU JUS

Extra Cut +4oz, add \$8 | End Cut + 4oz, add \$8

*Daughter's Cut 16oz 31
*Farmer's Cut 22oz (For the hearty eater) 34
*Hired Hand Cut 38oz (Maximum Meat) 46

PORK

Country Style Pork Back Ribs 25 Lean and meaty, our own smoke sauce.	Ham Steak 19 Boneless with Pineapple Ring
Pork Chops 19 2 Boneless Chops Served with Applesauce	Chicken Fried Pork Tenderloin 17 With Home Style White Gravy

CHICKEN

4 Pieces (deep fried) 18 Breast, wing, thigh, and leg. Substitutions: \$1 per piece.
2 Pieces (deep fried) 13 Breast and wing OR thigh and leg. Substitutions: \$1 per piece.
Grilled Chicken Livers 17 Lightly floured. Sauteed in butter

*WARNING: Eating raw or undercooked food may increase your risk of food-borne illness.



It is that time of year again. The club dues are due. Please use the attach form to submit your dues. The dues are still a low \$15 per year. This is probably the best deal in town. Established in 1975, **Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club** is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of one of the greatest cars ever created the **Ford Thunderbird**.

Advantage of club membership include:

- Regular driving events and monthly meetings every third Thursday
- Social functions such as picnics, show, annual Christmas/Friendsgiving party
- Members with restoration and repair experience
- Assistance with parts acquisition and location
- CTCI master judge to assist with authenticity issues
- Monthly newsletter with calendar of events and tech articles
- Club participation in car shows and parades

2023 Membership dues - \$15.00

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

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



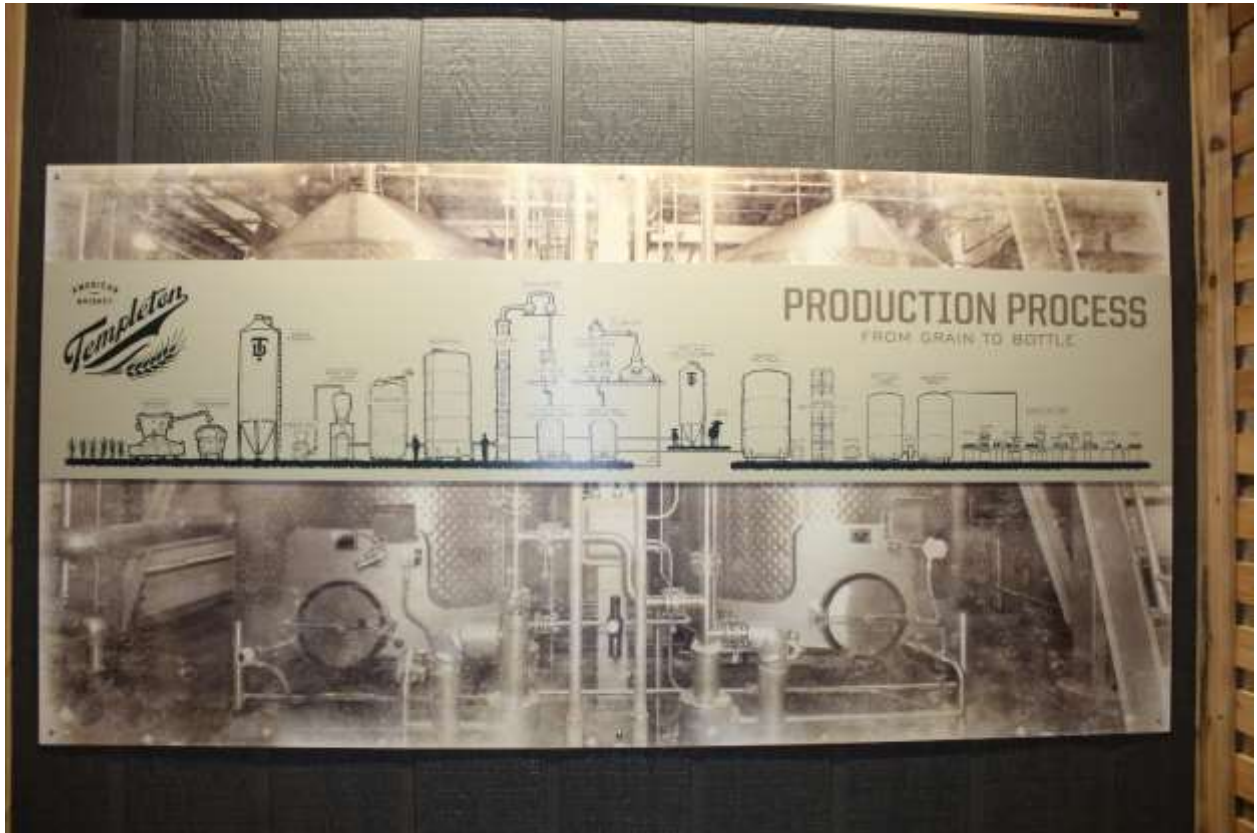
EARLY DAYS IN TEMPLETON





The modern workings of the distillery.





Templeton Photo Credits – John Moore – Jeff Hoffman

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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FOR SALE

John La Duke has a 15-inch wire wheel setup for '56 T-Bird for sale. Set includes 4 - 15-inch chrome wire baskets, 4 hub caps with white painted accents and all the retainer clips necessary. \$600.

Price includes a fifth center cap (the 5th basket was bent beyond repair). An individual wire wheel is available from most vendors for a continental Kit Wheel if needed.

John can be contacted by email - sphaeralcea516@gmail.com or by phone at 701-330-7908 with questions or offers.

See photo:



Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club

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