

Thunder Words



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



PREZ SAYS: The August outing to Ashland's Oxbow Assisted Living Community was well received. Ruhlman's Steakhouse did a great job accommodating our group. Thanks to all who participated. The September social event Sharing our Birds with the public will be a Lincoln drive-in tour and lunch Sunday, September 21, beginning at Country Inn & Suites south parking lot, 5353 North 27th St, departing at 11 AM. We will tour through various drive-ins, including Sonic, Don & Millies, and Culver's ending at the

Sonic at 1540 NW 48th St. (air park area west of the Lincoln airport). We will have lunch at the last Sonic around 12:30-12:45 pm and everyone can head home. A map will be provided.

We have several business/dinner meetings planned as well as social events for the rest of 2025. The October 19th event is a highly anticipated tour of the Loess Hills area south and east of Omaha. Our Friendsgiving dinner is scheduled for November 22nd at Firethorn Golf Club courtesy of **Jeff Hoffman** and **Jim Lantz**. A buffet-style dinner is planned. Dinner selections will be announced. The club members at the last business meeting voted to cover \$15 for each dinner's cost (see menu page 9).

Our next business meeting is 6:00 PM, Sept 18, in Omaha at the Copper Kettle Cafe.

Rob

Lincoln, NE
Restaurant Tour
September 21, 2025
11:00 am (see page 8)

2025 Meeting Dates:
Omaha – Sept. 18
Waverly – October 16
Lincoln – November 22
Omaha – December 18

Next meeting
September 18, 6 pm–
Copper Kettle Café
Omaha, NE



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August Meeting Minutes

President **Rob Kinsey** opened the meeting at 6:05 pm. Those present were **Rob & Vicki Kinsey, Marty & Mary Lou Bierman, Jeff Brown, Joel Hutchins, Larry Dawes, John LaDuke, Tom Woodman, Jack Sanford.**

The treasurer's report by **Jeff Brown** revealed that the club donated to the Parkinson foundation in Dave Freeburg's name. A motion by **Tom Woodman** to accept the report was seconded by **Marty Bierman**. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion by **Joel Hutchins** to accept the June meeting minutes as scribed in the August Newsletter was seconded by **Marty Bierman**. The motion passed.

Old Business: **Rob** again complimented the newsletter editor on the fine newsletters and thanked him for being the acting secretary. **Rob** reviewed the details for the Oxbox Living Center car show. By a show of hands there was going to be ten members for the lunch with five T-Birds, a mustang, and a 1957 Ranchero for the car show. Rob informed the members that a funeral was going to prevent him from attending the outing.

New business: The September event, a Lincoln drive-in tour and lunch, will be held on September 21, 2025, at 11:00 am. The starting point will be at Country Inn & Suites south parking lot, 5353 North 27th St. If you are planning on attending this event, please RSVP Jack at jesanford@cox.net, 402-578-3743. October will be a Loess Hills Tour. We will meet at Casey's on Highway 92 east of the school for the deaf at 1:30 pm, October 19th. The tour will probably take an hour and a half. There will be a stop for ice cream in Council Bluffs at the end of the tour.

Jeff Hoffman submitted a menu from the Firethorn Golf Course. We have to make a selection from four different entrees. The club members at the business meeting voted to cover \$15 for each dinner's cost. A copy of the menu is in this newsletter (see page 9). Please note that these prices require 20 guests. Please, if you haven't already, put Noevmber, 22, 2025 on your calendar.

We will have a December meeting in Omaha on the 18th.

Brags: **Rob** had the only brag. His new tires, Diamond Black's, have arrived, and were in his driveway awaiting his arrival from work.

Respectively reported by **Jack Sanford**, Acting Secretary.



Jeff, John, Tom, Joel, Jack, Larry, Rob, Vicki, Mary Lou, Marty



BIRD TECH TALK

By Martin Bierman



Much has been written about which oil to use in the Y-Block engine. Most agree that oils with minimum 1200 ppm of zinc and phosphorous (ZDDP) are necessary to protect the solid lifters and cam from wear. Below is a chart of current oils and their zinc and phosphorous content. Regular modern oils now have too low of a ZDDP content and if used a ZDDP additive is recommended.

ZDDP Chart



Brand	Oil Type	Zinc Content	Phosphorus Content
Champion Racing Oil	Synthetic Blend	1,600 ppm	2,000 ppm
	Synthetic	1,600 ppm	2,000 ppm
Champion Power Shield Engine Break-In Oil	Conventional	2,700 ppm	2,400 ppm
COMP Cams Engine Break-In Oil	Conventional	2,600 ppm	2,500 ppm
Lucas Racing SAE Oil	Synthetic	3,130 ppm	Not Disclosed
	Conventional	3,130 ppm	Not Disclosed
Lucas Hot Rod & Classic Oil	Conventional	2,100 ppm	1,900 ppm
Lucas Magnum Diesel Oil	Synthetic Blend	1,400 ppm	Not Disclosed
Lucas Engine Break-In Oil	Not Disclosed	3,630 ppm	Not Disclosed
Mobil 1 Extended Performance 15,000 mile	Synthetic	890 ppm	815 ppm
Mobil 1 Racing Oil	Synthetic	1,850 ppm	1,750 ppm
PennGrade 1	Synthetic Blend	1,500 ppm	1,340 ppm
Red Line SAE Oil	Synthetic	1,200 ppm	1,200 ppm
Red Line 40WT	Synthetic	2,400 ppm	2,200 ppm
Red Line 50WT	Synthetic	2,350 ppm	2,050 ppm
Red Line 60WT	Synthetic	2,250 ppm	2,000 ppm
Royal Purple Duralec Ultra	Synthetic	1,050 ppm	960 ppm
Royal Purple HPS	Synthetic	1,775 ppm	1,350 ppm
Royal Purple Break-In Oil	Conventional	1,150 ppm	1,030 ppm
Valvoline VR1 Racing Oil	Conventional	1,300 ppm	1,200 ppm

Products Not Carried by Speedway Motors

Castrol GTX	Conventional	610 ppm	750 ppm
Mobil 1 Advanced Fuel Economy	Synthetic	740 ppm	675 ppm
Motorcraft	Synthetic	600 ppm	740 ppm
O'Reilly's	Conventional	850 ppm	800 ppm
Pennzoil	Conventional	830 ppm	840 ppm
Shell Rotella T Diesel Oil	Conventional	1,450 ppm	1,050 ppm
Valvoline SynPower	Synthetic	950 ppm	750 ppm



CTCI NEWS

Valued CTCI Member:

We have a membership offer to tell your Thunderbird friends about. Please share this offer, which covers the remainder of 2025 and all of 2026. (Offer expires 10/15/25)

[Click](#) Here to download a special form to send by mail with a check.

[Click here](#) to join online with a credit card.

Some of the happenings and benefits your friends might enjoy:

- CTCI partnered with the Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCI) for a 2025 Joint Concours/Convention. This historic event will feature Thunderbirds from 1955 to 2005.
- Early Bird magazine, published since 1963, has been recently updated.
- Google Groups have been created for CTCI members. One for 1955-1957 member-to-member support, one for 2002-2005 member-to-member support, and one group to buy/sell.
- And more!

An endorsement from an existing member is the best promotion any club can have. Please tell your friends about CTCI and invite them along for the ride!

Ralph Cowell
Chairman, Membership Committee

Member News

John La Duke

John was featured in the most recent issue of the Williamsburg HOS newsletter by President Gus Wiebers. Gus reported "The last 18 months or so, board member **John LaDuke** has taken on the responsibility of overseeing our common ground trees and dealing with whatever matters might materialize. He has an impressive academic background in various biological sciences which is obviously quite useful in this realm. What John has done is to log all of the common trees on applicable maps, as well as their size and genus type. As problems are witnessed or reported he assesses each and creates a list. After a few weeks trees that do not possess concerns that are of emergency in nature are marked with ribbons and a number of arborists and their businesses are contacted and asked to bid on acquiring the project. With all of this that I have included here in mind, if you happen to see what you think is an issue with a tree, or trees, on our commons grounds please contact John at sphaeralcea516@gmail.com. **John** would also like some input regarding the types of trees you would be interested in having planted in the commons area to fill gaps where others have been removed in the past few years or



where there is room for a bit of additional population. This would be somewhat of a long-term project, but he nonetheless would appreciate your ideas."

In addition to Gus's comments, **John** and **Barb** regularly walk our trails checking on neighborhood details and exercising their dog, Oliver. **John** and **Barb's** neighborhood is also home to three classic Thunderbirds and one retro bird.

Respectfully reported by **Robert Kinsey**.

Oxbow Living Center and Car Show

We had a very nice show. 5 -T-Birds, 1 '57 Ranchero, and one '65 mustang. They had the parking lot set up for us and brought around three varieties of ice cream. Quite a few Oxbow guests looked over the cars. It was a perfect day. Not only was there available shade, but we had a nice breeze.



We departed on time, and they were ready for us at Ruelman's. They had a table setup with water all poured, and cloth napkins. The ten of us had a great lunch. We all thought Rob Kinsey did a good job setting up the event.



John, Barbara, Tom Robert Cathy, Mary Lou, Marty, Jack, Jeff, Joel





2025 Calendar of Events

September 7 – 44th ALL MAKES AUTO & TRUCK SHOW – Lincoln, NE

September 9-14 – CTCI/VTCI International Convention – Grapevine, TX

September 19 – Business Meeting 6:00 pm – Copper Kettle Café – Omaha, NE

September- 21 – Club Tour – 11:00 am, Country Inn & Suites, 5353 No. 27th Street, Lincoln.

September – 21- Cruisin' for a Cure Omaha 2025 – see flyer below * This event conflicts with our event.

October 5 – Cruise N for a Cause – Omaha – see flyer below- rain date October 12.

October 12 – Bob Young's BBQ at DeSoto, IA – 1:00 PM (see details page 8)

October 16 – Business meeting 6:00 pm – Track Side and Grill – Waverly, NE

October 19 - A Loess Hills Tour – 1:30 pm start in Council Bluffs – details in October newsletter

November 22 – Friendsgiving Dinner – save the date

December 18 – Business meeting 6:00 pm – Copper Kettle Café – Omaha



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Nebraskaland T-Bird Club September Event

The CTCI International Convention being held in the early part of the month has required that we have a later than usual event in September. Our August event was near Omaha, so our September event is being held in Lincoln. We are calling this tour a Sharing our Birds with the Public. We will visit ten restaurants. These are drive-by visits.

The tour will start at Country Inn & Suites south parking lot, 5353 No. 27th Street, Lincoln. Please try to be there no later than 11:00 am. If you are planning on attending this event, please RSVP Jack at jesanford@cox.net, 402-578-3743.



Bob Young, President of the Hawkeye Club has invited us to his October meeting.

Diane and Bob Young will Host the October 12, 2025, meeting of the Hawkeye Classic Thunderbird Club. I have invited the **Nebraskaland Club** to attend since their Fall Drive is the following weekend.

We will supply all the food and drink (soft drinks and water). We will serve Famous Daves BBQ, plus sides. We will start at 1:00 PM. Please drive your T-Bird if weather permits, we will park the Birds on the lawn in front of the buildings for a "photo op." Other vehicles may park along the South side of the street; there is no parking allowed along the North side of the street.

Please RSVP Bob at either bobyoun@inbox.com, or call 515-229-3870 by Oct. 7th.

The address is #5 Ellefson Drive, De Soto, Ia. 50069

It is Exit # 110 on I-80, the Adel, DeSoto, Winterset Exit

Once you exit off I-80, head North on Hwy # 169, proceed about 100 yards, and Ellefson Drive is the first turn to the East (right). You will see the cars in the "yard" on your left, the buildings are both yellow with green roofs. Please don't park in the driveway of the larger building on the West side, I do not own that anymore and he may be in and out of that building.... we can park the Birds on the lawn in front of his building; there will be someone there to help you park.



Firethorn Menu

Custom Buffets

MINIMUM 20 PEOPLE REQUIRED

*Pricing does not include tax and gratuity

PACKAGES

LEVEL 1 | \$27.50 PER PERSON

hummus or Mexican layer dip

pretzel bites

dinner rolls

choice of salad

choice of two sides

choice of one protein

LEVEL 2 | \$34 PER PERSON

hummus or Mexican layer dip

pretzel bites

dinner rolls

choice of salad

choice of two sides

choice of two proteins

choice of one: chocolate chip cookies, salted

caramel brownies, butterscotch blondies

LEVEL 3 | \$40 PER PERSON

artichoke dip

chicken skewers

dinner rolls

choice of salad

choice of three sides

choice of one protein

choice of one premium protein

choice of one dessert

LEVEL 4 | \$55 PER PERSON

artichoke dip

chicken skewers

dinner rolls

choice of salad

choice of three sides

choice of two premium proteins

choice of two desserts

SALADS

garden salad, spinach salad, Caesar salad, wedge salad, mixed fruit, crudité

SIDES

whipped potatoes, loaded potato skins, fingerling potatoes, southwest roasted red potatoes, sweet potato

waffle fries, pasta marinara, wild rice, pasta alfredo, white cheddar mac n cheese, steamed broccoli, sauteed

green beans, grilled asparagus, brussels sprouts & root vegetables

PROTEINS

parmesan crusted tilapia with tartar sauce, port loin with whole grain mustard cream sauce, country fried steak

with white gray, chicken marsala, beef shoulder tenderloin with mushroom sauce

PREMIUM PROTEINS

salmon piccata, pineapple shrimp stir fry, blackened chicken with three cheese sauce, beef tenderloin with red wine

demi-glace, beef short rib stroganoff

DESSERTS

chocolate chip cookies, salted caramel brownies, butterscotch blondies, lemon bars, mini dessert [choice of - key

lime, red velvet, tiramisu, cheesecake, chocolate peanut butter]



The 44th ALL MAKES AUTO & TRUCK SHOW

will be Sunday September 7 from 8 am to 4 pm at the Southeast Community College parking lot at 90th & "O" St.

Hosted by the Capitol City Ford & Mustang Club.

\$20 Pre-register by Sept. 6th, online at: www.ccfmclub.com

Or: print and mail the form below with your check by Sept. 1st to:
44th AMATS, c/o CCFMC, P.O. Box 57001, Lincoln, NE 68505

Or: \$30 day of show registration

Or: \$10 day of show for Show & Shine = no judging or awards.

Free for spectators.

Class will be determined upon arrival at show. To see class list please refer to our website: CCFMClub.com Questions contact: Fred Gay E-mail: fredg.homer72@gmail.com Cell phone: (402) 490-7562 \$20 Pre-register by Sept. 6th, online at: www.ccfmclub.com Or: fill out this form and mail it with your check by Sept. 1st to: 44th AMATS, c/o CCFMC, P.O. Box 57001, Lincoln, NE 68505 Or: \$30 day of show registration Or: \$10 day of show for Show & Shine = no judging or awards.

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PRINT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____ ADDRESS: _____

_____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

YEAR _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ BODY _____

STYLE: _____ COLOR OF VEHICLE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____



With just a little elbow grease,
I'll have the Bird detailed for the
car show. See you there, if it will
start!





The Nebraska Prostate Cancer Alliance would like to remind you of an incredible event that combines a passion for all types of cars with an important cause: Cruisin' for a Cure Omaha 2025. This fantastic car show will take place on **Sunday Sept 21st** and promises to be a day filled with fun, community spirit, and vital health awareness.

One of the highlights of this event is the opportunity for early prostate cancer screening through a free PSA (Prostate-Specific Antigen) testing. Early detection is crucial in the fight against prostate cancer, as it significantly increases the chances of successful treatment and survival. The PSA test is a simple blood test that can help detect prostate cancer at an early stage, even before symptoms appear.

This year again, we are pleased to offer online registration for the free PSA test, making it easier for attendees to secure their spots and get screened during the car show. Early screening can save lives, and we strongly encourage all men over 40 to take advantage of this opportunity. By participating in the free PSA screening, you are taking a proactive step in safeguarding your health. Help save a life, bring a friend!

Here are the details of the event:

Date: September 21st
 Location: Centris Federal Credit Union, 13120 Pierce St, Omaha, NE
 Time: Registration 10AM – Noon
 Car Show Noon to 3PM
 Free PSA Tests 10AM to 2PM

Why Get a PSA Test?

- **Early Detection:** Catch prostate cancer in its early stages.
- **Increased Survival Rates:** Early treatment can lead to better outcomes.
- **Peace of Mind:** Regular screenings help monitor your health.

How to Register for the PSA Test:

Visit our online registration page:

<https://bestcare.org/specialties/cancer-care/cruising-for-a-cure-registration>

1. Fill in your details.
2. Sign up to receive additional health information.

Your participation in both the car show and the PSA screening can make a difference. Not only will you enjoy a day with all types of beautiful cars, but you will also be taking an essential step towards better health. Please share this information with friends and family who may benefit from early prostate cancer screening. Participants and spectators are eligible for our free PSA test.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at Cruisin' for a Cure Omaha 2025 on September 21st!

Best regards, Nebraska Prostate Cancer Alliance www.nebraskapca.org

PS Don't forget to check out our website for more details about the event and the importance of PSA testing! <https://www.cruisinforacureomaha.com>



CRUISE N FOR A CAUSE**REMEMBER WHEN FUZZY DICE WERE COOL!****Sarpy County Sheriff's Foundation Presents****4th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show**

10am – 2pm

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025 (Rain Date: Oct. 12)

Werner Park

(12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion, NE 68046)

Free Public Event

DJ - Face Painting – Food - Werner Fun Zone Free – Auction – Raffle

*The Sheriff's Foundation fund is used to encourage, solicit, and receive charitable contributions to promote public safety through education, public awareness, memorials, and charitable activities in support of the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office***Vehicle Owners**

\$20 – Registration by 9-27-25

\$25 – Registration – 8 -10am day of show

All Registered entries will be eligible for \$500 Cash Prize!**15 Choice Awards**

Chosen by Sarpy County Dignitaries and one Fan Favorite selected.

Contact: Dave Felici at 402-871-3715 or Dfelici@sarpy.gov**Car Clubs and all vehicle types are welcome to show!****Registration For "Cruise – N – for a Cause"****4th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show****October 5, 2025 - Rain Date October 12, 2025, Time: 10:00am – 2:30pm****Liability: SCSO is not responsible for property damage or injury at this event.****Name:** _____ **Phone:** _____**Address:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____**Email:** _____ **Facebook:** _____**Year:** _____ **Make:** _____ **Model:** _____**Body Been Changed or Modified?** _____ **If Yes, Give Details:** __________ **Color & Type of Paint:** _____**Interior:** _____ **Original** _____ **Custom Describe:** _____**Engine Make:** _____ **Year:** _____ **Describe:** _____**15 Choice Awards Selected by Sarpy County Dignitaries & Fan Favorite****All registered entries will be eligible for \$500 Cash Prize. (Registered Entries Only) Last year we hosted 379 Cars & Motorcycles.****We will have some very nice Raffle & Auction Items. Looking forward to making it better than the previous Years. As always, we appreciate your support!****Early Bird Entry Fee: \$20 (by 9-27-2024) Registration the day off 9am – 11am \$25****Make Checks Payable to: Sarpy County Sheriff's Foundation**

Attn: Dave Felici

8335 Platteview Road

Papillion Nebraska 68046

Questions or Concerns please contact: Dave Felici dfelici@sarpy.gov 402-871-3715**Car Clubs and all vehicle types are welcome to the show!**



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2025

Museum of American Speed Named Best Motor Racing Museum by Newsweek

Announcing the Museum of American Speed has been Named Best Motor Racing Museum by Newsweek.

The Museum of American Speed was among 16 automotive museums across the nation selected by Newsweek and received the #1 spot. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our friends, supporters, and Museum volunteers for sharing your votes for us!

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**Congratulations to Carson and Jane Smith
owners and members of our Club.**

Member Birthday

September

Dick Kirshenbaum - 4

Kathy Fullerton – 13

Joel Schlessinger - 14

Jerry Swensen – 12

Jeff Hoffman - 28

Robert Routh - 30

If you want to be recognized,
please send your birthdate to

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September Holidays**Labor Day – 1****Grandparents' Day – 7****Patriot Day – 11****National POW/MIA Day - 19****First day of Autumn – 22****Rosh Hashanah Begins – 22****Gold Star Mother's Day 28****Keeping Time**

If you are planning a trip to
Europe, remember that
most European countries
use 24-hour time. In fact,
most of the world uses 24-
hour time officially.

The **Member News**

feature needs your help.

Send your story to Jack at
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We are still looking for a
secretary.

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jackets. Contact Jack at 402-
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