

Thunder Words



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



Prez Says: I want to thank all of our members who attended the Friendsgiving dinner on November 18. We had an enjoyable evening and collected over \$300 in gift cards for the Nebraska Children's Home. The lively crowd at the restaurant cheered the Huskers to an overtime with Wisconsin, but unfortunately, they lost in the overtime. We will have a December meeting on the 21st to complete our officer nominations and elect our 2024 slate. We also have several essential items of business for next year to discuss. Finally, I want to wish each of our members a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy**

New Year.

Martin Bierman, President

**PEARL HARBOR
REMEMBRANCE
DAY
DECEMBER 7,
1941**

**NEVER FORGET
THE REAL
MEANING OF
CHRISTMAS**

**Next Meeting
December 21, 2023,
6 PM
Kopper Kettle Kafe
9905 Sapp Brothers
Drive Omaha, NE**



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Bird Tech Talk

By Martin Bierman



"I want to tune up my T-Bird."

Question: A 1956 T-Bird owner wants to do a tune-up and wants to know the ignition specifications.

Answer: Here are a few basic specifications that are necessary to know before one starts working on the ignition circuit.

Cylinder Firing Order- 1-5-4-8-6-3-7-2

Rotor Rotation- Counterclockwise

Distributor Point Gap- 0.014 - 0.016 inch

Distributor Dwell Angle- 26 - 28.5 degrees

Breaker Arm Spring Tension- 17 - 20 ounces

Ignition Timing (Marks on Crankshaft Pulley):

- Standard & Overdrive- 3 degrees B.T.D.C.
- Fordomatic Transmission- 6 degrees B.T.D.C.

Spark plug gap- 0.032 - 0.036 inch





Highlights of CTCL Video Board Meeting November 17, 2023

Treasurer's Report: John Kledis gave the Treasurer's report. At this point John shared that we are continuing to show a function loss of about 20,000. He announced that with the raise in dues and cash position, we should be in good shape in 2024 providing that we continue our membership efforts. He also reported that the value of the investment fund (at realized book value) remained relatively unchanged from his last report.

By-Law Voting: Garrett Shropshire presented the results of the recent By-Law vote. The By-Law voting concluded on October 19, 2023. Two By-Laws were voted on. The Board certified the results. They are:

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Proposed By-Law Statement

a) The Officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer with each being a voting position. The Board is hereby authorized to appoint such Officers as may be required.

The proposed amendment (ARTICLE: VI) exceeded the 2/3 majority requirement for By-Law Amendments

Total Voting For Bylaw: 1,069
Total Voting Against Bylaw: 140
Percentage Voting For Bylaw: 88.42% or 1,069 out of 1,209

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Proposed By-Laws Statement



c) Voting may be by online internet voting to members in good standing.

The proposed amendment (ARTICLE: X) exceeded the 2/3 majority requirement for By-Law Amendments

Total Voting For Bylaw:	982
Total Voting Against Bylaw:	210
Percentage Voting For Bylaw:	82.38% or 982 out of 1,192

The results met the CTCI By-Laws Article X(d) (Amendment of By-Laws) requirement, wherein two-thirds of the CTCI membership voting approved the proposed By-Law amendments:

Extra information Regarding Election Participation

ALL VOTES

Total Members eligible to vote:	3,817
Total Votes Cast	1,217
Percent voting:	31.88%

Investment Committee Report: Gaylan Abood, Chairman of the Investment Committee, joined the Board Meeting to give his report. He reported that the committee continued to closely work with Meritage. The portfolio, which is set at 50% Equities and 50% Bonds has a year-to-date performance of 6.3%. He also reported some general economic information which included the current inflation rate for this year, currently at 3.1%, and the overall stock market is currently in an up-trend and closing on this year's high.

Member Renewals: Garrett presented membership renewals through (10/31/2023) we have 3,981 active members. In addition, there will be a few more new members for who joined during the convention. To date, we have added 169 new members which includes 10 new members who joined as "Test Drivers". Garrett felt that the club should be able to exceed 4,000 before the end of the year, with the possibility to improve as the result of the vote which includes the 2002 – 2005's.

2023 Convention Recap: President Brian Carron and Director Charlie Hensley gave an overall recap of the 2023 Regional Convention in Florida. Overall it was a success with many favorable comments from the participants. From a financial standpoint, we are still receiving invoices related to the convention. It is hoped and expected that the final financial report on the Convention will be ready for the January 2024 meeting. As with past Conventions, the committee held a meeting to discuss and document those items that went well as well as areas that could be improved upon.

OP&P Update: The Board of Directors approved a change to the OP&P regarding the Newsletter Contest. Going forward, each newsletter contest entrant must be an active member of CTCI.



2024 International Convention: Martha Hash presented the status of the 2024 International Convention. The International Convention will be held in Des Moines, IA from August 20 through August 25, 2024. Currently, the group is working with Garrett Shropshire to negotiate and approve the Hotel contract.

Member Comments: As with every Board meeting, the Board reviewed all member comments about CTCI operations submitted over the past two months.

The next Board meetings are set for January 5, 2023 (Out of cycle to introduce the new board) and the regular Board Meeting is set for January 12.

On Behalf of the Board,
Brian Carron, President

PICTURES FROM FRIENDSGIVING PARTY



Marty

Mary Lou

Jim



John

Gina

Quentin

Robert

Rob





Jim

Jeff

Karen

Diane

Dick



Dick Diane

Karen John

Jeff

Barbara

Gina

Quentin

Robert



John

Barbara

Mary Lou

Quentin

Thanks, Gina Casey, for the
Thunderbird Cookies and
Gift Bag table favors.



It's that time of year again. **The club dues are due.** Please use the attached 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, the **Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club** is dedicated to preserving and enjoying one of the most excellent cars ever created, the **Ford Thunderbird**.

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

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

2023 Calendar of Events

December 21 - Kopper Kettle Kafe – 6:00 PM – 9905 Sapp Brothers Drive – Omaha, NE

FOR SALE

Tom Woodman has an assortment of new interior upholstery parts for sale. They are primarily Blue in color. He does have some in Green. You can reach Tom at 402-464-0596



Member Birthday December

Mary Lou Bierman - 12

Gaylord Lacy - 19

Sandy Freeburg – 24

Jack Sanford – 27

Alice Brown - 30

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

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