

Thunderwords



From the Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club

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Next Meeting

Wednesday

February 15th

6 pm, at Dino's

Eastside Grill, 2901

South 84th Street,

Lincoln, Nebraska. On

**the agenda is the planning for the
2012 events and meetings.**

From the President



I am pleased to report that we finished 2011 with a record high number of club members at 56 family memberships. We have increased our membership from 44 two years ago to 56 as of 12/31/2011- a delightful 27% increase! Most of our members also belong to CTCI. Recruiting efforts of our members, visibility at club events such as shows and cruises, our website, and hosting the 2011 CTCI Region 5 Convention all contributed to our membership growth. I am amazed at the number of T-Birds and owners that we continue to find in this area, especially the Lincoln area. In the last several weeks I have had contact with two owners of '56 T-Birds, one in Valley, NE and the other in Oakland, NE. and gave them information about our club.

At our January meeting we discussed continuing our recruitment efforts. I would like to set a goal of recruiting 10% more members (5-6 new members) in the next 24 months. In order to stimulate our members to recruit, I propose that for any member that recruits two new members during a calendar year his/her

dues will be paid by the club the following year. I think the benefits of such a program outweigh the nominal cost. I will ask our Treasurer to help me keep track of this program. Also I would ask that all our members participate in club events throughout the year to help maintain the visibility of our club. I also plan to print a card with club information to be kept in the glove box of members' cars in the event that their car is sold. The card will also offer the new owner free club membership for the rest of the year that the car is purchased. I should have those printed and available in a few weeks.

This year CTCI is going to be making a major effort at increasing the national membership and this will be discussed at the Annual Board of Directors meeting February 3-4. I will be attending that meeting as Director of Region 5 and will report more in next month's newsletter. We do have members in our club that still do not belong to CTCI and I would ask that they consider joining. A registration form is available on line at their website ctci.org or from me. Please visit the website for all the benefits of CTCI membership which is well worth the cost of the yearly dues.

I am looking forward to a new year of T-Birding with you.

Martin Bierman, President

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

The Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club held its January meeting on January 19, 2012, at Parker's Smokehouse, Ashland, Nebraska. There were nine members in attendance and one little Bird. Club President, Marty Bierman, called the meeting to order. The President delivered a legislative update to Phil Brown, the Club's award-winning newsletter editor.

The Minutes of the December meeting were approved as published. Jeff Brown, the Treasurer, was not in attendance; however, he had given his

report to the President. The President reported that there are 26 dues members paid so far.

The President announced that he was not aware of any old business, and none was forthcoming.

The President indicated three items of new business. First, Marty reported that he had presented the Chapter report to CTCI, and that over the last two years, membership has increased 27%, from 44 members to 56 members. He is contemplating recommending an award for recruiting new members; Marty's initial thought is that any member who signs up two new members (not renewals) would get his or her dues free for the next year. The President stated his target is to increase membership by 10% over the next two years. Marty stated that national will begin a membership push, and he suggested that the incentive program be discussed further next month.

The President noted that the roster is normally printed in March or April, and he has a database going back to 2005, with all members' addresses and e-mails. He asked that members call Phil Brown or e-mail Phil with any address or e-mail address changes.

The next meeting will be held in Lincoln on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at Dino's Eastside Grille, 2901 South 84th Street, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Marty noted that the Taulborg Classic Car Collection is now located in Kearney, Nebraska, adjacent to the Arch. He suggested that the Club might consider a driving event to Kearney, going out on a Friday, and then on Saturday touring the Taulborg Classic Car Collection and the Arch. He suggested a mid July time for that event. Again, he suggested further discussion at the next meeting in February.

The President also noted that June 15 and 16, 2012, are the dates for the Spring Fling in Des

Moines, Iowa. Information will be presented on the website as soon as it is available.

The President then stated his concern regarding the number of cars that have been sold over the last six or seven years, and he presented a proposed card that would be printed, given to members, with the request that members put the card in the glove box of their T-Bird, so that the buyer of any of our cars is given information concerning the Club, with a possible free membership.

The President stated that Bob and Cathy McGowan will be in charge of the March meeting, and Lana Hansen has signed up to be in charge of the April meeting.

Brag Box: Andy Grimm reported that a Mustang GT 500, with the performance enhancement package, which is the same car as he owns, is being promoted by Barrett Jackson as a prize, with a reported value of \$95,000. Carroll Shelby signed the trunk of the Barrett Jackson version.

Tom Woodman reported that he drove a '57 black T-Bird back from California. It is the one little Bird present at the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Routh

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE NEBRASKA UNICAMRAL

LB 327, Introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell of Lincoln. This bill would apply an annual "motor vehicle" fee to vehicles 14 years and older to replace the motor vehicle tax which at present decreases to zero at 14 years.

LB 505, Introduced by Senator Russ Karpisek of Wilbur. This bill would extend the present vehicle tax schedule (which ends at 13 years and a rate of

0.07 of the tax base) to vehicles 14 through 20 years at a rate of 0.03. [Comment; this bill would tend to lock in the 3% rate and then be zero after 20 years compared to LB 327 which applies a separate fee to the older vehicles includes vehicles beyond 20 years and that could be easily increased in the future].

LB 698, Introduced by Senator Mark Christensen of Imperial. This bill would have eliminated the requirement for retailers to provide labels identifying ethanol fuels on gas pumps. A hearing was held on March 1, 2011 before the Agricultural Committee concerning this bill. The chairman, Senator Tom Carlson of Holdrege, designated it a Priority Bill. There was more opposition than support and Senator Christensen pulled the bill from the agenda for the rest of the legislative session (bill indefinitely postponed).



Old Car Guy in a rest home!

DUES ARE PAST DUE

Don't be left behind this year!! **Pay your dues this month** and continue your club membership and benefits. Member benefits include our award winning newsletter, driving events and tours throughout the year, fellowship with other T-Bird owners, a club roster, tech support from club members, a redesigned web site with a tech help page, and lots of T-Bird fun.

New Classic Car Collection

Many of Bernie Taulborg's cars from his collection in Omaha have been donated to a new collection and building in Kearney, NE, *The Classic Car Collection*. This collection has just opened its doors to the public. I think it would make a great overnighter. We could drive to Kearney on a Friday afternoon, arrive at a motel, and have dinner. Then we could



tour the collection on Saturday morning, have lunch, and possibly tour the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument

in the afternoon. Those members that didn't want to stay overnight could drive to Kearney Saturday morning and join us on the car collection tour. To learn more about the *Classic Car Collection* and see some of the car displays go to their website at www.classiccarcollection.org I am thinking of doing this sometime in early to mid-July or early August. Please give me some feedback on your interest and preferred dates.

Martin

ROSTER UPDATE

We usually print a roster in the spring after all the members' dues are sent in. Please notify our Treasurer, Jeff Brown, if your address, phone numbers, or e-mail address has changed so the roster can be updated and be complete. Many members carry a copy of the roster in their glove box in the event they need to contact a member on a drive or tour.

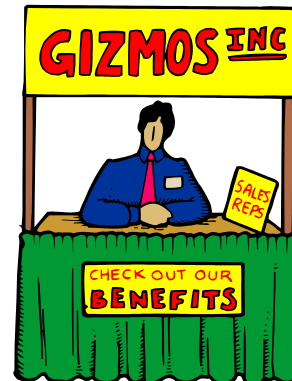
WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website nebraskalandtbirds.org has been updated with a new color format and a sixth page dedicated to tech help. This page has links to most of the major vendor websites and catalogs and posts of some of our most

popular tech articles. Also check out the link to Gil's Garage at the CTCI website for more tech information. Gil recently posted two new articles: bench testing the overdrive relay and information on the small plug for the right cylinder head. Some of the tech page vendor websites are fun to review and two have pictures of cars that rotate or fade in and out.

NEW PROGRAM

RECRUIT 2 NEW CLUB MEMBERS AND GET YOUR NEXT YEAR'S DUES FREE. START NOW SO YOU CAN BE FREE NEXT YEAR! (REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE OR CALL THE PRESIDENT.)



WD-40 Story

Before you read to the end, does anybody know what the main ingredient of WD-40 is? Don't lie and don't cheat.

Who knew; I had a neighbor who bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason. Another neighbor came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I'm impressed!

WD-40 who knew? "Water Displacement #40." The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you... When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your stove top... Viola! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

WD-40 uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars. (I know this works.)
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows . (I love this one!)
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers. (True)
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill. (Absolutely)
12. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes. (True)
18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. (Yes)
19. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40! (Works very well)
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.(Yes, yes)
- 22 Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky

noises.(Great at this)

23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.(True)
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.(Yes)
29. Lubricates belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.(Swear by this one)
31. Removes splattered grease on stove.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.(Just tried this)
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. Florida 's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'(Nothing beats it)
38. The favorite use in the State of New York , WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
41. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
43. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

PS. The basic ingredient is: FISH OIL!

Nebraskans at Barrett-Jackson



Anybody recognize these guys? Members Jerry Ziems and Dan McCarthy were present to preview some of the Thunderbirds to be sold at the 2012 auction.

Dan reported that lots of 1955 – 1957 Thunderbirds were on the block but it was interesting that two of the best cars were displaying Midlands Gold plaques that were earned at our August convention. Both of these cars sold and we will try to find out what each car brought.



37th Annual Sunflower Swap Meet

KANSAS PAVILIONS

(Formerly the Kansas Coliseum Pavilions)

85th St. North & I-135, Wichita, Kansas

Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4, 2012

8:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. – Friday 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. – Saturday

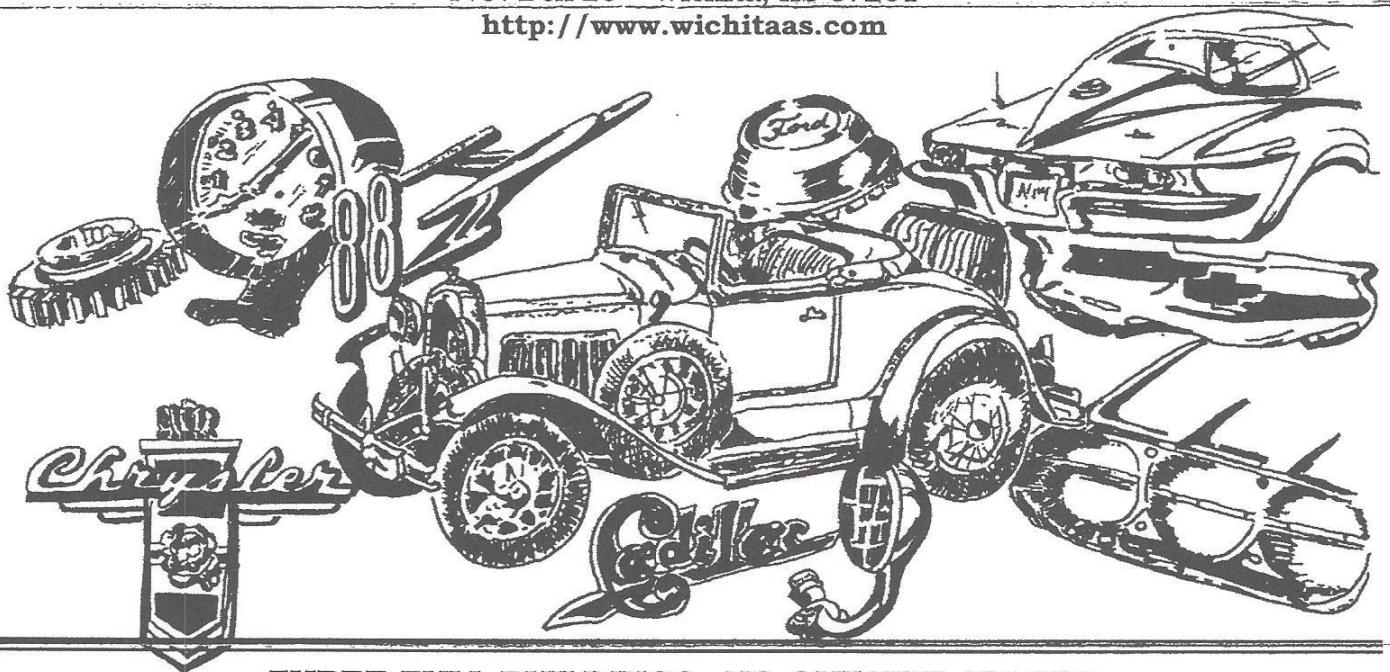
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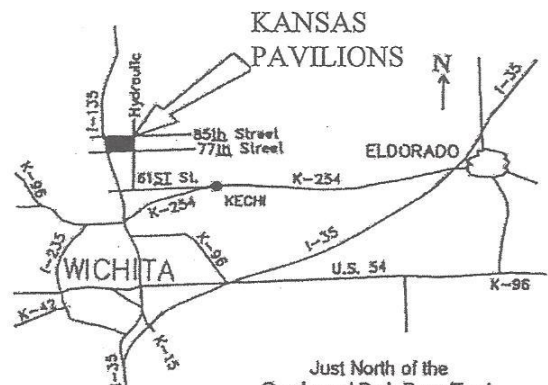
- Inside vendor spaces. **"SOLD OUT"**
- Vehicle spaces in arena building on dirt (not reserved) \$40 each. Must unload outside.
- Limited space for cars on trailers between Arena and Pavilion II (not reserved).
- Tables available for indoor spaces at \$6 additional cost
- Inside loading and unloading except Arena
- Inside night-time security

REGISTRATION

John Stone
850 Denmark
Wichita, KS 67212
316-722-1779
316-755-2560 Feb 2, 3 & 4, 2012

CHAIRMAN:

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Lancaster Event Center
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Lincoln, NE 68507



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**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED. NO FOOD - NO FIREARMS - NO ANIMALS -
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VENDOR RATES (Prices subject to change)

Heated Lincoln Room and Expo Hall (10' x 10').....\$40.00
 Heated Multi Purpose Arena (10' x 10').....\$35.00
 8 ft. Tables available.....\$8.00

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HEATED SPACE SETUP SAT., MARCH 3, 1 P.M.-6 P.M.

Indoor 40-Degree vendor spaces (12' x 25').....\$25.00

NO RESERVATIONS – FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

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GATE OPENS SUNDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 A.M.

Limited outdoor spaces (12' x 25') No Reservations.....\$25.00

Car Corral (per vehicle off trailer) No Reservations.....\$25.00

USE HAVELOCK AVE. GATE

GATE OPENS SUNDAY AT APPROXIMATELY 3 A.M.

The Lancaster Event Center is located in northeast Lincoln on the east side of 84th Street just south of Havelock Ave. The Lancaster Event Center is easily accessible from Interstate 80. Take Exit 409 to Highway 6, west 2.5 miles to 84th St., then south for 1.3 miles to Havelock Ave. From 84th and Highway 2, go north 8.4 miles to Havelock Ave.

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No 40-degree vendor setup until 3 A.M. Sunday.

Vehicles and trailers exceeding 25' in length will be charged for additional spaces. Reserved indoor spaces MUST be paid for by Feb. 10, 2012. No refunds Rain or Shine. No 40-degree or outdoor spaces will be reserved! No camping available on grounds. No overnight parking. ENWICC/Lancaster Event Center not responsible for theft, fire, or accidents.

*IMPORTANT NOTE:

All vendors must meet the Nebraska State Department of Revenue rules as far as sales tax collections.