



NEBRASKALAND THUNDERBIRD CLUB

July 2010

OFFICERS:

President: Jerry Ziems
Vice President: Martin Bierman
Secretary: Roger & Linda Anderson
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NEXT MEETING

**SATURDAY JULY 10, 2:00 PM IN
LINCOLN AT ANDERSON FORD,
27TH AND I-80.** They have reserved the boardroom on the second floor for us. This meeting coincides with the 8th Annual All-Ford and MCA Mustang Show being celebrated that Saturday and Sunday at Anderson Ford. There will be a meeting only, no lunch.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With rain forecast for all day on June 13, 2010, I did not take my Thunderbird to the Annual All-Ford picnic in Wahoo. The show was sponsored by the Cornhusker Early Ford V-8 club.

I believed the weather forecast on channel 25 for rain all over northeast Nebraska for Saturday, June 19, and stayed home from the Diers Ford All-Ford Show and Shine in Fremont. I called Betty Adams afterwards and she said it rained hard on the poker run but there was a good turnout. We need abundant rain for a lot of reasons but this is starting to show stretch marks!

The June meeting at Panera Bread in Omaha was held on a cloudless day of 95 degree temperatures and I drove up from Lincoln with the top off. I probably should have worn a cap. Just before the meeting we signed up new members Dan and Alicia Haussler from Grand Island. Dan has a white '55.

Those who ordered convention t-shirts for the 2011 event, you can pick them up

at our next meeting. Marty Bierman will have them there. The cost is \$18.00.

We have no August meeting set up yet and I am asking for your ideas on where and when. It should be in the Omaha area.

For those of us who like car shows etc., the 2010 Car Council Book published by the Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Car Council is everything you could ask for. I have been handing them out at meetings. If you want one please let me know.

Caravaning as a group can be fun if it is done right. It should not be done on single lane roads. It is difficult and dangerous for other motorists to pass a string of cars. Two lane or Interstate highways eliminate that problem. The caravan should stay tightly bunched in areas where there are traffic signals so they can all make it through the lights. It doesn't help if the members lag a half mile behind. The lead and tail cars should have walkie-talkies or cell phones to communicate problems or pit stops. It helps to have a plan.

Please plan to attend the Iowa Hawkeye Spring Fling at the end of this month (July 30,31 & Aug 1) A registration form is attached to this newsletter. We have not had any club events other than meetings so far and this would be a great outing for you and your classic car. We want the Iowa Hawkeye club to come to our convention next year. Lets show some support for them this year. Thanks.

Jerry Ziems
President

Minutes of June 26 Meeting

Nebraskaland Thunderbird Club met June 26 at 11:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, 134th Maple St., Omaha, NE for lunch and a meeting. Seventeen members and three Classic T-Birds were in attendance. President Jerry Ziems opened the meeting by welcoming Dan Haussler from Grand Island, NE who had recently purchased a 1955 T-Bird and joined our club. Jerry also welcomed Clarence Johnson, a former longtime member who recently rejoined the club. **Minutes-** The minutes of May's meeting were approved as submitted in the e-newsletter. **Treasurer's Report-** Checking balance is \$977.81 with \$15 in dues and \$3.00 in brag box to be deposited. **Old Business-** A motion was made and passed to reimburse Earl Cooksey \$100 for cabin rental for May's picnic and meeting. Bob McGowan is still working on getting our tax exempt status renewed. **New Business-** Martin Bierman mentioned that he received a call about a 2004 Retro-Bird that is for sale. John Henderson has sent information on the Pieloch Car Collection in Syracuse, NE which could be a spring car tour next year. Jerry announced that the next meeting will be July 10, 2 p.m., at the Anderson Ford Show in Lincoln, NE in their board room. No lunch is planned. Martin Bierman discussed the upcoming Spring Fling hosted by the Hawkeye Classic Thunderbird Club in Des Moines, IA July 30-Aug 1st. A registration form is on our website. He reminded members to register soon with the West Des Moines Marriott. Martin also gave a brief report on the 2010 CTCI International Convention in Dayton, OH that he and Mary Lou attended. Nebraskaland members Bob and Diane

Young also were present in Dayton and showed two 1957 T-Birds with both cars receiving Gold Medallion awards. **Brag Box-** Jeff Brown taught his daughter to drive on his 3-speed 1956 T-Bird without any incidents; Ron Halvorson bought a new F-250 diesel Ford truck; Chuck Bagby has sold both of his T-Birds at auction and is interested in a 1956 Peacock Blue T-Bird; he also completed a model railroad display for the Blair Hospital Healing Garden. Larry Smith has had two orthopedic surgeries this year and was finally able to attend a club meeting this year; Bob McGowan shot a one under 34 par at local golf course and has completed a cleaning of his garage after many years; he is planning on painting his Bronze 1957 T-Bird this year. Martin & Mary Lou Bierman traveled over 1500 miles in their Torch Red 1955 T-Bird to the Dayton convention without incident. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted for Roger and
Linda Anderson,
Mary Lou Bierman

July Birthdays



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| July 3 | Virginia Stretesky |
| July 10 | Neala Weddle |
| July 13 | John Henderson |
| July 14 | Charles Bagby |
| July 19 | Ruth Henderson |
| July 22 | Clarence Johnson |
| July 31 | Steve Kettering |