



The Classic T-Birder

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CTCI chapter 75

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Future Events

October 19

Club Meeting
at
The Greenwood

October 26

Blue Ridge
Folklife Festival
at
Ferrum Collage

November 16

Club Meeting
at
The Greenwood

December 12

Christmas Banquet
at
Montano's

Final Club Driving Event for the Year:

On the next to last full day of summer with beautiful mid-80's clear weather, 21 club members with 8 early Thunderbirds rallied at the activity center of Rudy Johnson's and Deb Hedrick's community center at Smith Mountain Lake in Hardy, VA for a lunch meeting. Club President, Richard Garrett led a group of five from the Vinton Kroger and three others made it on their own from various other points thanks to the excellent directions provided ahead of time by Rudy. As a gift to the club Rudy and Deb provided all of the food, saw to its procurement, preparation, set up and clean up.

We spent some time after arrival to visit, chat and check all the Thunderbirds to be sure that nothing on them had changed since the last time everyone had seen them (for the most part just the month before!). The spread included various cheese, cracker and pickle hors d'oeuvres, pulled pork BBQ, chicken salad, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, and a variety of desserts and drinks. In addition to our hosts, in attendance were: Richard Garrett, Tommy and Kathy Latimer, Richard and Sandra Downey, Linda and Steve Meadows, Sonny and Nancy Westmoreland, Bill and Sue VanName, Don and Judy Thomas, Dave and Yvonne Ballard, Russ and Barbara MacDonald, and friends of the club, Butch and Joy Wright. (see attached pictures).

Club Business Meeting: After lunch, Richard conducted a brief meeting. He opened it by thanking Rudy and Deb for hosting such an excellent event. He again made the point that he has on occasion done before that our club is about the people and not the cars, since Rudy and Deb drive the very unique and well done 1939 Ford coup street rod, participate in nearly every regular club meeting and almost all driving events. All you have to do is appreciate and like our Early Birds. You don't need to own one.

Howard Overstreet: On a serious note, Richard informed members that the last, still-participating, charter member of our club, Howard Overstreet, is now permanently at Raleigh Court in their secured facility. His dementia has progressed to the point that his wife, Linda, even with help, was no longer able to care for him at home. Richard requested members to keep her in their thoughts and prayers,

and to remember her with phone calls, cards and emails. She continues to maintain a full-time nursing job, remains our club Treasurer, and still goes to Raleigh Court after work to be with Howard through his dinner and until he goes to bed.

CTCI Board Elections: Richard then discussed various business decisions that will be coming up with CTCI. First is the election of Directors, which is now done entirely by electronic ballot. Our area, Region 5, is not up for director election, and the incumbent currently is Bill Long, a past CTCI President and member of the Knoxville, TN Smoky Mountain Club. We will only be voting for a Director at Large. The candidates and their statements are contained in the last Early Bird Magazine. Richard encouraged everyone to study the candidates and submit their electronic votes when they receive the email ballot.

CTCI Business Decision: The major issue that will be before the new board will be the status of the business property in Signal Hill, CA that the club previously used as its national headquarters until this year's move to Missouri for financial and personnel reasons as well as the change in publication of the Early Bird due to the retirement of Lin Somsak, the editor for many years. The property is now used to hold club merchandise, the individual Thunderbird original invoices, and other club records. There evidently is space excess to these needs. However, if the property is sold, there would need to be storage space rented or purchased for the above needs. Richard has received some emails regarding this question from Chapter 7, the Early Birds of Southern California, which he will forward to all of our members. He recommends that all of us study this issue and get with our Area Director or Director at Large with questions or suggestions.

Club Ad for the 2020 National Convention Program: Richard then announced that he had sent the ad copy with our logo, etc., to the Southwest Florida club hosting the May, 2020 National Convention in Sarasota, FL. He also sent the \$500 check approved at the last meeting (\$300 for a full-page ad in the program and \$200 for their expenses in hosting the convention). He has received a receipt from them already.

Upcoming Meetings: The next two meeting of the club will be back at the Greenwood Restaurant at the normal time of 8:30 on the third Saturday of the month. They will be October 19 and November 16 respectively.

Join CTCI

Go to: www.ctci.org

Call: 562-426-2709



Christmas Banquet: The Christmas Banquet is scheduled for **Thursday**, December 12 at 6:00 p. m. at Montano's Restaurant in Roanoke. Richard will be getting with Wilma VanDyke to develop menu choices and will provide a sign-up sheet attached to this newsletter. It should be similar to last year's choices and costs.

2020 CTCI Convention in Sarasota, FL, May 4-9: Look for the program and application for this event in the November-December copy of the Early Bird. The Meadows participated in the early registration contest (for a free registration as a prize) and received the registration application early. Thus, they and the MacDonalds have already registered for what appears to be a full, interesting and enjoyable convention. They will be taking their time, spending two and one half days both going and coming (about 300 miles each of the first two days and 200 miles the last day). If you decide to attend and this leisurely pace appeals to you, give Steve or Russ a call to join.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for October:

Birthdays:

3 Eddie Hearp
10 Yvonne Ballard
21 Steve Meadows
25 Charlie Chattin
25 Marvin Hill



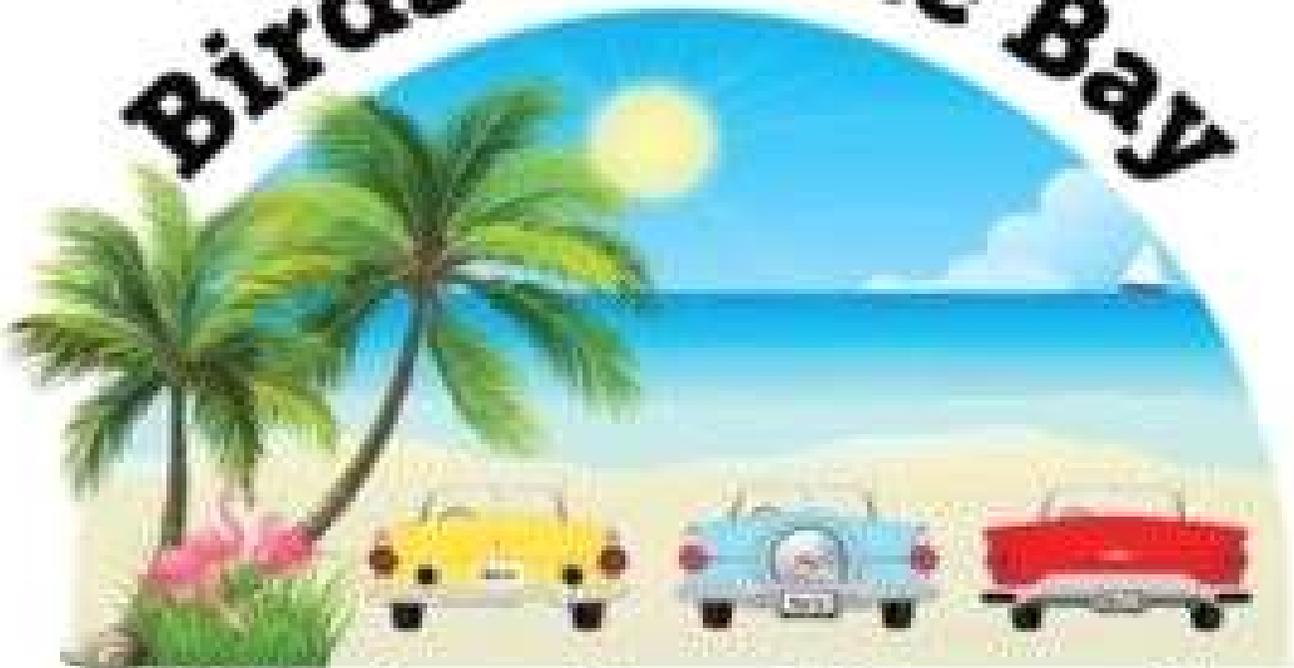
Anniversaries:

5 Tommy and Kathy Latimer
20 Russ and Barbara MacDonald



Russ MacDonald, Secretary
and Newsletter Writer

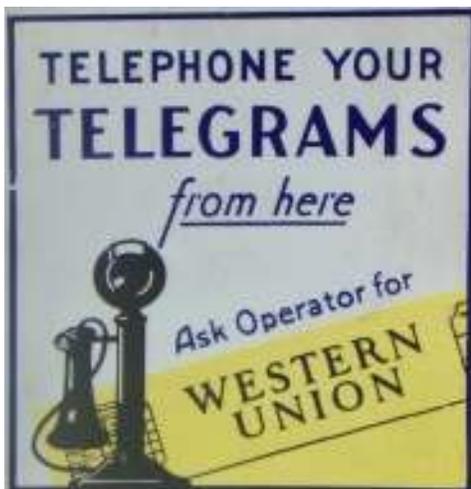
Birds On The Bay



CTCI International Convention Sarasota, Florida, May 2020 Hosted by Trail Birds of SW FL

May 4 –9, 2020 Sarasota, Florida

Registration is now open!
Download registration form [HERE](#)
www.ctci.org



www.starcitybirds.org

From the President:

The lunch meeting at the Cooper's Cove Community Center was a big success. 21 club members arrived driving 8 Classic Thunderbirds. Our hosts, Deb Hedrick and Rudy Johnson did a terrific job of supplying and preparing all of the food and beverages for the event. On behalf of the entire membership I send them a big **THANK YOU**.

Everyone should have received the electronic voting email on October 1st. I hope that all members took the time to reply and vote. If you did not get the email you should call or email CTCI and request that one be sent to you.

The last page of this newsletter is the reservation form for our annual Christmas banquet. It will be held on December 12th at 6:00 PM at Montano's restaurant. The menu is the same as last year and the price is the same as last year, \$33 per person. I will be accepting reservations at the next two meetings. You may also make your reservation by completing the form and mailing it to me.

The next meeting will be at the Greenwood on October 19th at the usual time, 8:30 AM.

Richard Garrett



Apple Raisin Bread

Ingredients:

- 2 ½ cups sugar
- 1 ¼ cups vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 4 tsp. vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 ½ tsp. salt
- 1 ½ tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. ground cloves
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- 3 cups chopped peeled apples
- 2/3 cup raisins
- ½ cup chopped walnuts

Preparation:

1. In a large bowl combine the sugar, oil, eggs & vanilla, beat well.
2. Combine the dry ingredients. Gradually add to the sugar mixture.
3. Fold in the apples, raisins & walnuts.
4. Pour into two greased & floured 9-in.x 5-in.x 3-in. loaf pans.
5. Bake at 350 deg. F. for 60-70 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.
6. Cool for ten minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.





History Highlights

- 10-10-1892 Earle Dickson was born in Grandview, TN. In 1921 he invented the Band-Aid adhesive bandage.
- 10-16-1758 Noah Webster was born in what is now W. Hartford CT. He published his first dictionary in 1806
- 10-22-1868 Andrew Lawrence Riker was born in NYC, NY. He built the first Electric Car in 1894. He was a founder of the Society of Automotive Engineers.
- 10-25-1873 John North Willys was born in Canandaigua, NY. He was the CEO of Willys-Overland Motor Co. From 1912 to 1918 it was the second largest car builder in the US.
- 10-31-1936 Eugene Maurice Orowitz was born in Forest Hills, NY. He starred in TV series from 1959 to 1989 using the stage name that he picked out of a phone book; Michael Landon.
- 10-1-1908 Henry Ford introduced the model T to the market The Model T was officially released for sale.
- 10-8-1959 The Ford Falcon went on sale to the public, 435,676 1960 Falcons were built.
- 10-10-1915 The 1 millionth Model T Ford was assembled.
- 10-21-1927 The first production Model A Ford was completed
- 10-29-1959 Chrysler Corp. introduced the Plymouth Valiant for sale.

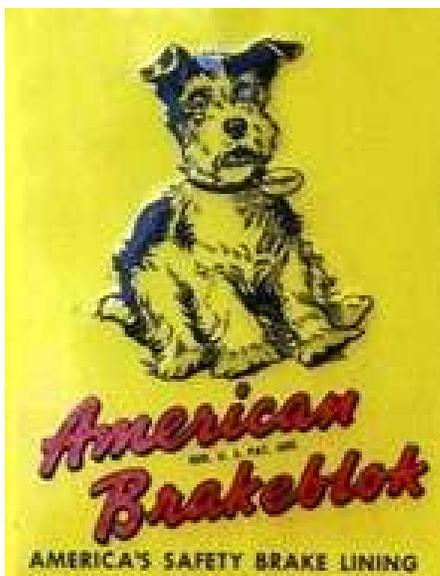
Dept. of Totally Useless but interesting Information.

Truth is Stranger Than Fiction

The city of Detroit is built over an enormous salt bed. 1,200 feet below the city surface, salt mines spread over 1,400 acres and have more than 50 miles of roads.

Glaciologists believe the salt was created when a huge sea covering the region evaporated more than 400 million years ago, forming salt deposits which were gradually buried by glacial activity.

This salt bed spreads over 170,000 square miles under Michigan, Ontario, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia. Some estimates suggest that there is enough salt in the Metro Detroit underground to last 70 million years.



OTTO MECHANIC By: Jay Piersanti



Reprinted from OLD CARS WEEKLY



A Christmas Party!

Date: Dec. 12, 2019

Time: 6:00 PM

**Place: Montano's Restaurant
3733 Franklin Rd. SW Roanoke, VA**

www.montanos.net

Available Salad Dressings include: Avocado Vinaigrette, Italian Vinaigrette, Balsamic Vinaigrette, Ranch, Bleu Cheese, Thousand Island, Honey Mustard, Sesame Ginger, Chipotle Lime
All selections are served with House Salad, Coffee or Tea

Menu:

9 oz. Prime Sirloin Steak Served with Matriciana sauce, Baked Potato, and Sautéed Vegetables
Rare Medium Well Salad dressing

Name _____

Name _____

Fried Shrimp Platter Jumbo Shrimp lightly battered and deep fried, served with baked potato and Home Cole Slaw

Salad Dressing

Name _____

Name _____

Montano's Stuffed Salmon King Salmon stuffed with sautéed spinach and Italian Mascarpone cheese served with Italian style Risi-Bisi rice and sautéed vegetables

Salad Dressing

Name _____

Name _____

Chicken Saltimbocca Two chicken breasts stuffed with Prosciutto ham and Fontinella cheese
Salad Dressing

Name _____

Name _____

Price: All menu items are \$33 per person, tax and gratuity included.

All selections include your choice of **Carrot Cake** or **Death by Chocolate** for dessert at no extra cost

To make your reservation: complete this form and return to:
Star City Classic T-Birds, 101 Parkway Lane, Vinton, VA 24179

Name: _____

Check Number: _____ **Amount:** _____

All reservations must be received no later than December 6

Please make checks payable to: **Star City Classic T-Birds**