



**PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
of  
**NEW MEXICO**  
Chapter 17 of the CTCI  
**December 2021 Newsletter**  
Volume 21 Number 12



Editors Note:

This newsletter is FULL. Several Key things to be aware of:

- There is still time to sign up for one of the Parades
- The Christmas Party is SUNDAY, December 19
- Membership Drive has started- send in your form

Upcoming Events



Come join us for the Knob Hill Twinkle Light Parade either with your Thunderbird or in the crowd. Several decorated Thunderbirds from the club will drive down Central Ave as part of the Parade on December 4 evening. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lloyd Powell at 505-280-3114 to understand the rules and sign up.





# Starlight Parade

**December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Parade Floats and participants**

**Directions & Info for Staging Area Only**

**This year the parade will be starting and leaving from Wagner's farm Store.**

**Would be helpful for Vehicles & Floats to be in position in the staging area by 4:30 PM to 5PM and have signed the Liability waver**

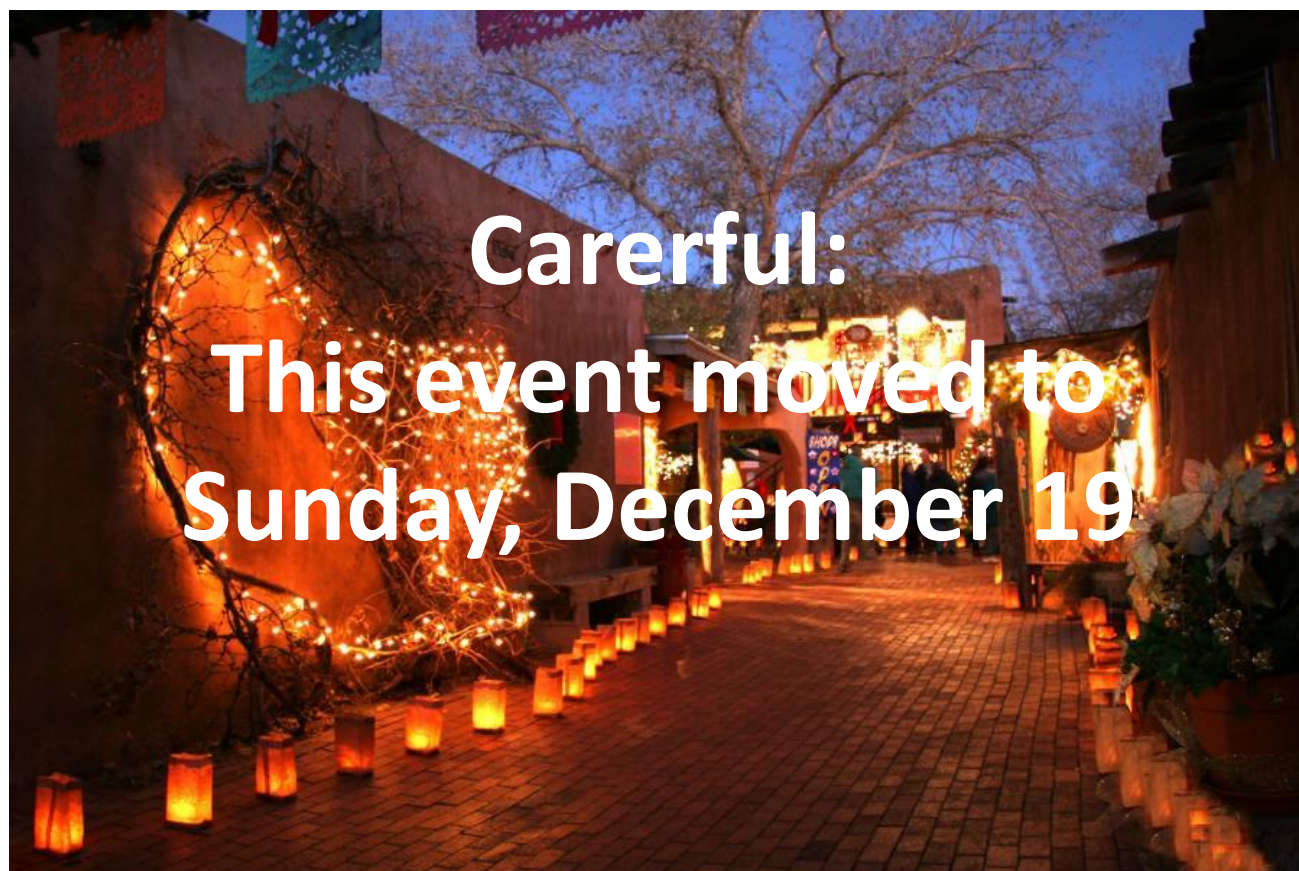


**Entrance for Vehicles & Floats will be south of Wagner's Farm Store Dixon Rd's side Pumpkin field Apox 700 feet East of Corrales Rd**

**Gates off Corrales Rd will be closed until starting of Parade**

**Once in staging area there will be 4 lanes Frist & Second rows are reserved Do not enter from Wagner Ln**





# **PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB** **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center**

**Pottery Room**

**2401 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW**

**Social Gathering from 5-6pm (Cash Bar)**

**Plated Dinner at 6pm (Menu Next Page)**

**White Elephant Gift Exchange at 8pm**

**Guests Are Welcome**

**Due by December 6**

**PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday,**  
**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center – Dinner Menu**

**PAN-SEARED ATLANTIC SALMON** ..... \$36.00 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Pan-Seared Atlantic Salmon w/ Citrus Beurre Blanc

Includes: Market Salad

Herb Roasted Tri Color Fingerling Potatoes

Grilled Asparagus

Pueblo Oven Bread w/ Green Chile Butter

Pumpkin Pie w/Cinnamon Whipped Cream and Caramel Reduction

Starbucks Coffee, Tazo Iced Tea, and Water

**ROASTED NEW MEXICO FILET** ..... \$39.00 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Roasted New Mexico Filet w/ Tomato Jam

Includes: Same As Above

**ROASTED AIRLINE CHICKEN BREAST** ..... \$32.00 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Roasted Airline Chicken Breast w/Verjus

Includes: Same As Above

**MARINATED HEIRLOOM CALIFLOWER STEAK** ..... \$26.00 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

Includes: Herb Roasted Tri Color Fingerling Potatoes

Grilled Asparagus

Vegetarian/Gluten-Free Bread

Seasonal Dessert

Starbucks Coffee, Tazo Iced Tea, and Water

Enter the number of meals multiplied by the cost and add the Total Here ..... \$ \_\_\_\_

Member Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this completed form along with your check or cash to:

**Pajarito Thunderbird Club**  
**PO Box 93026**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87199**

**Forms along with checks must be received by December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## Pres Says:



December 2021

Season's Greetings – Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is getting ready for Christmas which is fast approaching! In November we had an officer's meeting and several decisions were made that affect the club and its members. We agreed to start holding regular monthly club events again and that the officers would decide on these events as a group. We also agreed that we will start charging annual dues again starting in January 2022 and because of the lack of support from the Ford sponsored car shows this year, the dues will go up to \$25.00 each.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Party on Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> (new Date), there will be a sign-up board for monthly club event sponsors and a white elephant gift exchange!!

### Upcoming events:

Every Thursday: 7:30 AM Breakfast at Hello Deli

Christmas Party – Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> – The Indian Cultural Center - 5pm

Officers Meeting – Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup> – Trae's Garage - 11am

Ray Wood's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party January 15<sup>th</sup> – Hello Deli 4-6pm

Stay safe – see you soon!!

TRAE WOOD



# Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico

## 2022 Membership Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CTCI Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/SO First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No.: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No.: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address/es: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Thunderbird/s Owned: 1955 \_\_\_\_ 1956 \_\_\_\_ 1957 \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional Information:

Current Thunderbird/s Running: 1955 \_\_\_\_ 1956 \_\_\_\_ 1957 \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other Collector Cars Currently Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Past Pajarito Club Office/s Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in Hosting or Coordinating a Club Activity? \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions for club events: \_\_\_\_\_

The Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico, Chapter 17, of the Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the "Classic Thunderbird". We recommend joint membership in CTCI for liability insurance coverage. All those interested in Ford Thunderbirds are welcome and ownership is not necessary!

**Annual membership dues are \$25.00.** Pajarito Thunderbird Club members receive monthly newsletters, sent to the Email address you entered above, with updates on club activities, Tech Tips, Thunderbird related articles and Classic Automotive related information. Call (505) 259-7283 with any Thunderbird Club related questions.

Please make a copy of this completed form with the requested information, enclosed check and mail to:

**Pajarito Thunderbird Club at PO Box 93026 Albuquerque, NM 87199**

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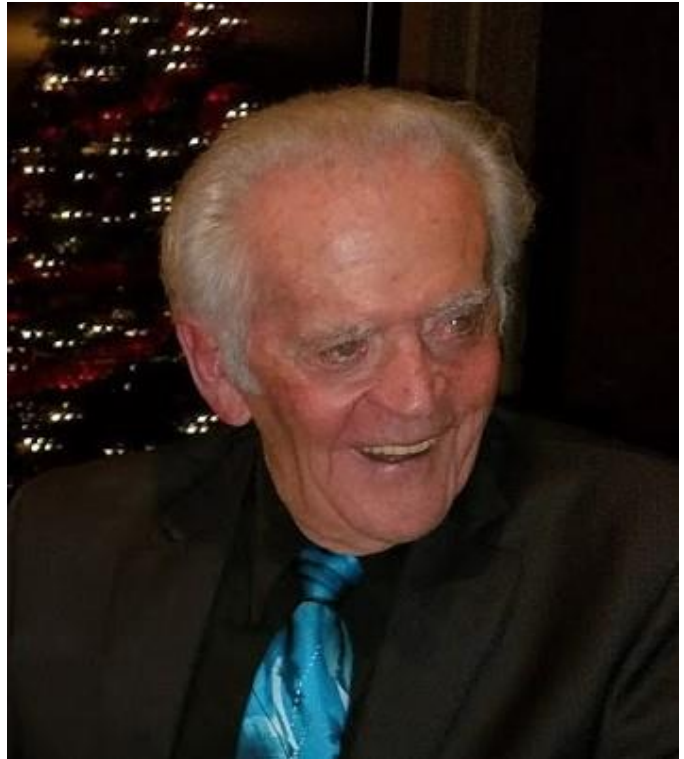
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# IN MEMORY OF PAJARITO CLUB MEMBERS WE LOST IN 2021



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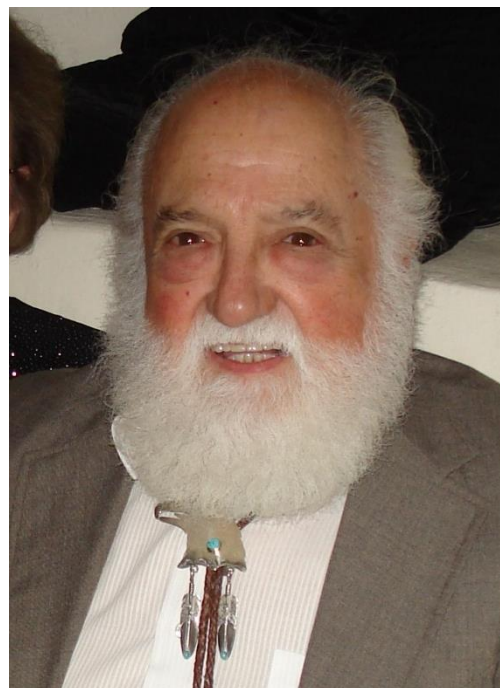


**CE Chisolm - 1938 - 2021**

# IN MEMORY OF PAJARITO CLUB MEMBERS WE LOST IN 2020

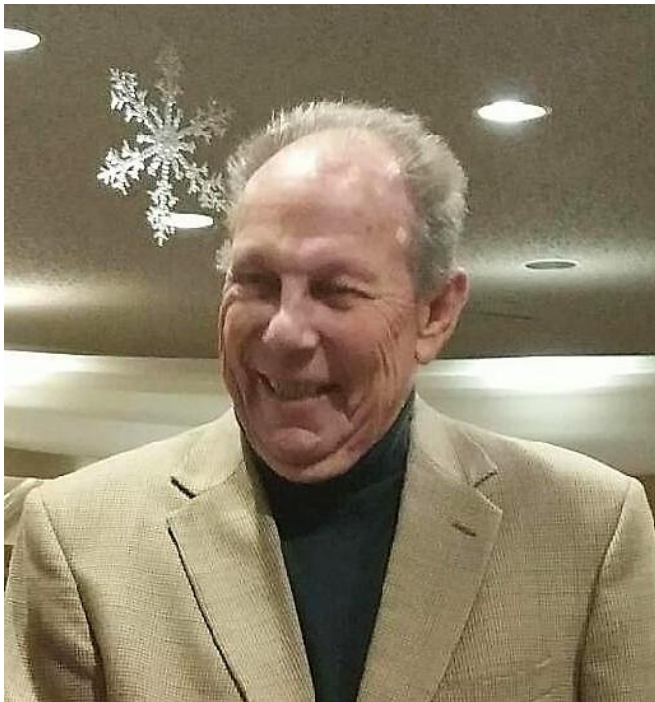


**Ed Gammon**

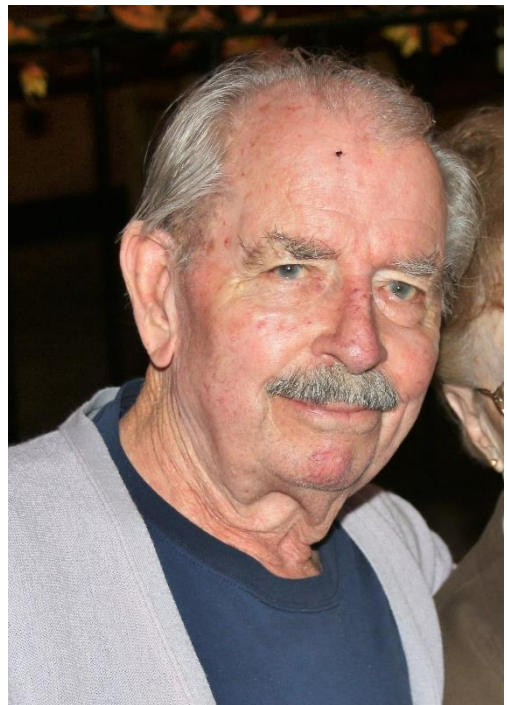


**Paul Arellanes**

# IN MEMORY OF PAJARITO CLUB MEMBERS WE LOST IN 2019



**Russ Branyan**



**Ben Harris**



**Pat Copp**



## From Judy Lovelace

ThunderChicken rides again!! The theme this year was the "Roaring 20ies" so we were "Old Molls on the Lam" with our driver for the infamous "ThunderChicken Heist" T'was great fun and we won 1st prize in the Community category!!



## CTCI Facebook Pages Announcement

CTCI is proud to announce that each Region now has a Facebook Group Page!

You can join your Regional Page/s and share your photos, stories and adventures with your Thunderbird!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2478456275778347> Region 1

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/625362165153177/> Region 2

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/406585917680895/> Region 3

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/870878763687450> Region 4

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/349656050037117> Region 5

But we are in:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/687039755591498/> Region 6

# CTCI Board Minutes

- Treasurers report: John Kledis reported that we made a little money (separate from the Investments) for the past 2 months and therefore we are very nearly at breakeven for the year. We need to continue to attract new members, if we are going to remain “in the black”. The Board approved two additional items:
  - o to reallocate the moving costs from general operating to a special “one-time” expense. This will permit us to clean up our CTCI books and thus allows us to make better year over year financial comparisons.
  - o a resolution to enable our Classic Convention Productions “drop-down LLC” and open a bank account for our convention efforts
- Guest Debb Duff (our convention hotel planner) presented the hotel contract to the board. The Board approved the contract. \*NOTE: more coming to the general membership on this with all of the 2022 Convention information.
- The Board approved changes to the OP & P related to Membership. Specifically these changes include a new section 2.6 Members. It details the members information privacy, communication, and responsibilities. \* NOTE: The new OP & P change will be on the web site within 7 days. Please take the time to review those changes.
- The Board approved establishing Facebook pages for each of the Regions. The Website committee was tasked to look at possible use of Google Groups. All efforts intended to increase member involvement and connectivity.
- The Board had discussions on several items pertaining to member awards and outreach. The membership is asked to forward ideas on the following items:
  - o Executive Finance Committee will look into charities / scholarships related to CTCI that might benefit our membership
  - o Paul Hudgens award candidates: Members are asked to submit candidates in January
  - o The Ford Johnson Memorial Trophy has been chaired by Cathy Stubbs. Cathy is stepping down from that position. The Board is looking for a member who is willing to take on the role. Interested parties should contact President Brian Carron.
  - o Looking for member input for the Hall of Fame Award. Please forward any (and all) ideas to Director-At-Large John Smith
  - o Need chapters to step-up and agree to sponsor the next Regional Convention in 2023. This could be a judged and/or driving tour event. Interested chapters should contact President Brian Carron
  - o Looking for chapters interested in sponsoring the next International Convention in 2024. Interested chapters will need to have their proposal completed so that it is ready for the Sept/Oct 2022 Board meeting. Interested chapters should contact President Brian Carron
- President Brian Carron gave an update on the Newsletter contest. He stated that Newsletter Contest Chairman, Pocahontas Cole and the committee have received 14 newsletters to be judged. The committee is in the process of evaluating and judging the newsletters and will be prepared to hand out awards in December 2021. Also Brian reminded all of the chapters that it is already time to start thinking about entering next year’s newsletter contest. It will be moved up so that the awards can be made at the 2022 Convention in San Antonio
- Plans are being discussed for a possible “in-person” board meeting (Jan-Feb 2022). President Brian Carron, led the discussion which included optional Zoom meeting, dates and possible locations (if agreed)
- The Board approved dropping the 800 US inbound “toll free” service. Since most of our members now have cell phones, calls into the CTCI office are free and thus the 800 service is no longer needed. The savings to CTCI is over \$700.00 per year.

The next board meeting is set for December 10, 2021.

On Behalf of the Board , Brian Carron, CTCI President



# PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB OFFICERS MEETING

November 13th, 2021

PAGE 1:

## 1 – MEETING LOCATION: 2304 Dietz Place NW, Albuquerque, NM

Attendees: Trae Wood (Pres.), Dennis Potter (VP), Ray Wood (Tres./Trust.), Ed Sauer (Dir.), Craig Sowers (Dir.), and Lloyd Powell (Newsletter). Lou Belmont (Sect./CTCI Rep.) Absent.

## 2 – REVIEW LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Copy of March 6th, 2021 Meeting Minutes Provided to The Officers for Review

**ACTION: Approved.**

## 3 – REVIEW CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

**ACTION: Approved.**

## 4 – REVIEW CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS:

4.1 - Beginning 2021 Balance: \$1,569.98 (Checking) and \$2,477.73 (Savings)

4.2 - Current 2021 Balance: \$893.37 (Checking) and \$2,473.93 (Savings)

Note: Our Savings Account has been inactivated due to lack of activity.

4.3 - 2021 Expenses since March 2021; \$500.00 Deposit for Christmas Party + BOTW Fees.

4.4 - 2021 Income since March 2021; \$ 185.00 Partsgeek fee + a few unsolicited member dues.

4.5 – 2022 Membership Dues; Resume collecting dues and increase dues to dwindling funds.

**ACTION: 1) Increase 2022 Membership dues to \$25.00 per year per car owner/family.**

**2) Lloyd Powell to consider selling ads in the newsletter.**

## 5 – OLD ISSUES/BUSINESS: (ref. January 2nd, 2021 & March 6th, 2021 Meeting Minutes)

5.1 - Status of the Indian Sand Painting for Lin Somsak still unknown.

ACTION: Lloyd Powell will talk to Sam C de Baca regarding his plans for shipping to Lin Somsak ASAP.

**UPDATE: 1) Lloyd Powell talked to Sam and he has it packed away in an unknown location.**

**2) Officers agreed that this issue has been overcome by events.**

**3) Also, we need to apologize to those who donated money to purchase the painting.**

**4) Craig Sowers offered to talk to Sam regarding return of the painting.**

## 6 – NEW ISSUES/BUSINESS:

6.1 - 2022 Pajarito Thunderbird Club Officers:

Proposal; Ray; Keep current officers unless someone new volunteers or vacancy needs filling.

**ACTION: 1) Agreed and discussed the possibility of a vacancy due to Lou Belmont's status.**

**2) Ed Sauer to talk to Lou Belmont regarding continuing as a club officer.**

6.2 - 2022 Calling Committees:

Current Members: Sherry Jobe, Gary Burns, Dennis Potter, and Linda Wood

Proposal; Ray; Keep current calling committee members unless new volunteers or vacancy.

**ACTION: Ray Wood to verify that all committee members will continue their roles in 2022.**

6.3 - CTCI Region 6 Inputs to future CTCI Board Meeting:

Proposal: Ray Wood; Incorporate comments and submit to Sue ASAP.

**ACTION: Ray Wood to forward the draft response to Trae Wood for submittal to CTCI.**

6.4 - CTCI Annual Chapter Report:

Proposal: Ray Wood; report same as last year.

**ACTION: Agreed.**

## 6.5 - Review 2022 Activities Calendar:

Discussion; The COVID Pandemic has caused a lack of interest in members getting out for club activities.

**ACTION 1): The present club officers volunteered to host the following monthly activities;**

6.5.1 - JANUARY: Luncheon; Ray and Linda Wood, date ~Jan 15th.

6.5.2 - FEBRUARY: Valentine's Day Party; Ed Sauer, date ~Feb. 14th.

6.5.3 - MARCH: Rich Ford Car Show; Hope to resume (need confirmation from Dennis Snyder)

6.5.4 - APRIL: Luncheon; Dennis Potter, date/location TBD

6.5.5 - MAY: NMCCA Car Show on May 16th at ABQ Museum; date TBD.

6.5.6 - JUNE: Luncheon Open House; Trae and Yvonne Wood, date TBD.

6.5.7 - JULY: Lunch/Tour; Craig Sowers, date/location TBD.

6.5.8 - AUGUST: 1) CTCI Convention in San Antonio, TX; dates TBD.

2) Local Activity TBD

6.5.9 - SEPTEMBER: 1) CTCI Convention may be in September vs August, TBD

2) Local Activity TBD

6.5.10 - OCTOBER: TBD

6.5.11 - NOVEMBER: TBD

6.5.12 - DECEMBER: Pajarito Club Annual Christmas Party; (Date and Location TBD)

Proposal: Lloyd suggested selecting a Activities and a Membership Champion to increase participation.

**ACTION: 1) Need an Activities Champion and a Membership Champion volunteer.**

**2) Still need to solicit volunteers to host additional monthly activities**

## 6.6 - 2021 Pajarito Club Christmas Party Status:

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center has been reserved for Saturday, December 18th from 5 – 9pm.

\$500.00 deposit was made 11/8/21 for the Fire Pit Room (not same as last time).

Reviewed options regarding cost to the members and club subsidies (see spreadsheet);

Based on recent polling about 40 club members and guests plan to attend (may grow to 45).

Require members to pay the listed price for their meals (e.g.; \$26, \$32, \$36, or \$39).

The club will cover the overhead and fees (e.g.; room fee, service charges, tax, etc.)

Based on Ray's estimate for 45 attendees, the cost to the club will be about \$2,100.00).

**ACTION: Ray Wood to prepare a form for members to select their meal choices.**

## 6.7 - Pajarito Thunderbird Club Social Media Issues:

Pajarito Club Facebook Page has 60+ members (most not local)

Current website shut down due to possible copyright issues.

Current website is without a webmaster (Jim Bell quit in 2020).

Nick Lester has started developing a new website but lacks inputs from the club.

**ACTION: Select a new "Web Master" and get the new website up and running by next February.**





# Pajarito input to CTCl

Blue responses sent to Sue Smith on 10/13/2021 from Pajarito:

What do you value about CTCl? *The dedication to the enjoyment and preservation of the Classic 1955-1957 Ford Thunderbird by providing historical, technical, and restoration information. The excellent EarlyBird magazine. The opportunity to meet and communicate with other fellow Classic Thunderbird enthusiasts.*

What services and/or support can CTCl provide the chapters? *Guidance and financial support in conducting regional and national conventions, including excellent concours judging standards and liability insurance, (website development and incorporate all clubs/Trae).*

What services and/or support can CTCl provide you the member? *Member representation to the national CTCl organization. A communication forum via the Early Bird regarding maintenance and restoration information.*

What ideas can you share that can lead to greater retention of members in the chapter? *Local car shows, handouts, facebook, website. CTCl: Same as local plus verbal communication regarding CTCl benefits.*

What ideas can you share that would generate interest for younger people that would encourage them to join and participate in CTCl? *Talking with younger enthusiasts at car shows and cruises, (use more social media/Trae).*

To younger chapter members: What attracted you to your local chapter? Are you a CTCl member? What types of activities, *EarlyBird* and website articles would be of interest to you? *If "younger" means those under 40 we don't have any.*

How can CTCl help your chapter recruit new members? *Ads in national publications, help from FMC with promotionals, be more active on social media.*

For information purposes--Does your chapter require CTCl membership as a requirement to be a chapter member? *Officially; yes (as per bylaws) Unofficially; no*

If not, what percentage of your members are CTCl members? *Officially; 100% Unofficially; ~80%*

Additional Comments?

*(1) FMC should provide financial support, promotional support at CTCl national conventions, and local CTCl chapter car shows.*

*(2) CTCl needs to be more active on social media (ITC has several fb entry's every day and CTCl very seldom shows up).*

## Technical Support:

### Official Winterizing Checklist:

Wash and clean the vehicle- maybe even a new coat of wax. This will help you avoid any scratches from putting on and removing the car cover.

Cover it up with a breathable soft fabric car cover.

Fill your tank up with fuel- a full tank prevents moisture that will contaminate your fuel.

Add a fuel stabilizer to extend the life of the fuel- especially important with today's ethanol fuel. Be sure to run the vehicle enough to move the stabilizer into the carburetor, injectors, etc.

Change the oil and the filter to reduce the risk of contaminants doing damage to your engine during this down time.

Put containers of baking soda in the trunk, interior and under the hood to absorb moisture and odors

Close all of the windows

Store it inside in a place that's dry and dark- preferably a concrete floor as it keeps moisture away from your vehicle.

Put drip pans under the engine, transmission and differential to see if there is any accumulated leakage you're unaware of.

Start the car once per week and keep it running for at least 10 minutes to avoid leaving water in the combustion chamber and exhaust components.

If you store your car offsite, call your insurance company to make sure your coverage is valid at the storage location.

Either unhook the battery and store it separately where it will not freeze (avoid concrete floors) or leave it in the car and put a trickle charger on it.

**If you store your vehicle outside**, there may be a few other items you need to add to the list.

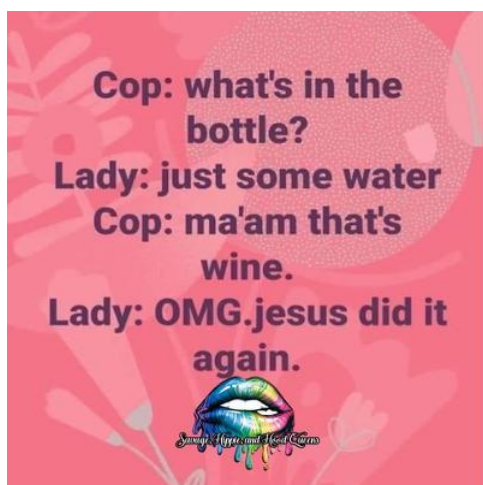
Keep the car covered and dry at all times.

Place a plastic barrier under your vehicle to keep the moisture at bay.

Place carpet pieces or plywood underneath to keep the tires from sinking into the ground.

If the vehicle will be exposed to freezing temperatures make sure to remove any personal belongings that will freeze and burst and make a mess.

Put plastic bags on the air cleaner/air inlet and exhaust pipes to keep rodents out.





# Thunderbird Horns

By Scott McGilvray

## T-Bird Horns

Every decade or so a question comes up about T-Bird horns. I take from this that there is tremendous interest in the subject. I have just one picture that pretty much covers the whole subject.



At the top left is a T-Bird horn that represents the vast majority of horns that came on our 55/57 cars. The unique part of the horns are the brackets and the upper left picture shows the correct bracket. The brackets as well as the horns were left and right sensitive. The horns themselves were high and low pitch. 55 horns were six volt but did not display that information on the horn because everything was 6 volt at that time. Those 55's converted to 12 volts got the benefit of very loud horns. Because horn use is so rare the 6 volt relay and horns seem to last forever on a 12 volt conversion. 56 horns were 12 volt but looked exactly like the earlier horns but were tagged 12 volt. Early in 56 production this was accomplished by a piece of green tape that was stamped 12v.

Later the dome had 12v stamped along with SPARTAN which was the manufacturer. T-Bird horns had two studs on the bottom to secure the bracket. Most horns that look exactly like T-Bird horns have four studs which is fine but there are some out there (probably made for Chevys) that have two, but they are in the wrong place. Buyer beware.

The picture in the upper right shows two studs in the right place. Late in 57 production the dome shape changed and became smoother. The name and voltage remained stamped as before. All T-Bird horns had the power wire attached to the horn by a screw on connector until very late in production when blade connectors were used. The two bottom horns show the difference between the connectors.

Now I know this information just whets your appetite and you yearn to know the change dates of the horn shape and the connector configuration. More research is necessary to answer those questions, stay tuned.



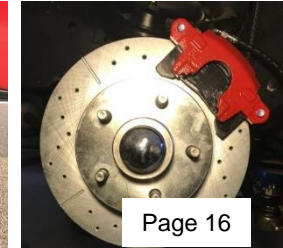
## Thunderbirds For Sale

# 1963 Beautiful Thunderbird For Sale

Complete nut and bolt restoration - Front to back, top to bottom. Numbers matching car with every component rebuilt or replaced. Every bit of interior and exterior chrome has been redone. Complete interior refresh to original equipment material including dash, seats, carpet, and all panels. Engine, transmission, rear end, front and rear suspension, air conditioning, engine cooling, front and rear disc brakes, new 17" wheels and tires. And much, much, much, more. Full receipts and pictures available of all the work that has been done. This is an amazing vehicle that has consistently won major show awards. Contact me for a showing and test drive. Price: \$35,000

Interested?

Contact Gary Burns [gjburns625@gmail.com](mailto:gjburns625@gmail.com) 505-903-2840





## Thunderbirds Haves and Needs

### Haves

I have a set of 4 Lincoln Mk7 wire wheels and caps in excellent condition. They would be great on a disc brake conversion or street rod, etc. REDUCED TO \$250.00

Contact Larry Worrell  
larrworrell567@yahoo.com

I have a right side peacock blue fender skirt that is only a little mangled up. If anyone wants it, they are welcome to it. I have pictures if anyone needs them; just email me.

Contact Bob Soltysik  
soltysik@live.com

I have '57 plates for \$80 a set.

Contact John Schnabel  
bronze\_bird@yahoo.com

Have 4 Thunderbird Transmissions:

1 Automatic and 3 Standard

Contact Bill Perry

281-485-2876 (Home)

713-419-7707 (cell)

Pearland, TX 77581

Contact Allan Hastings  
214-608-8993

Will trade one for an 8 or 10 foot utility trailer in good condition.

- For Sale: Used rear anti-sway bar with mounting brackets, bushings & bolts.  
Fits a '55 or '56 T-Bird \$75. complete

- 5 blade fan, measures 18" diameter. 4 Bolt Pattern—fits most T-Birds. Good condition \$25.00
- Trunk lid hinge with spring for Square Birds. Needs to be cleaned of surface rust & painted. FREE!
- Outside Door Mirror & Inside Rearview Mirror  
For 1957 T-Bird, almost perfect condition.  
New these sell for over \$42 each, asking for \$25.00 each  
Photos available

Contact Neil Swartz  
cuul59@gmail.com  
Frisco, Texas  
310-291-4834

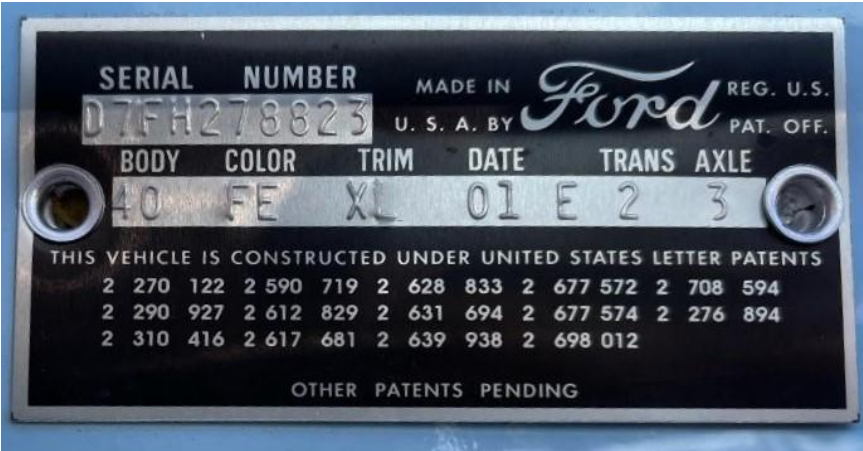
### Needs

- Need a 3-speed Manual Transmission for '57 T-Bird.  
Either in good condition or at least rebuildable.

Contact Neil Swartz  
310-291-4834

Thunderbirds For Sale

**1957 FORD THUNDERBIRD FOR SALE:** ~20 Year Old Professional Restoration (All Documentation Included), Correct Starmist Blue Exterior, Aftermarket Dark Blue Soft-Top (No Hard Top), Correct Starmist and Dresden Blue Interior, , Correct 3-Speed OD Transmission, Power Steering, New Bias-Ply WWS Tires on Classic Wire Wheels, New Battery, New Aftermarket Carburetor (Original in trunk), Aftermarket AM/FM Radio. A few minor paint chips, Door weather-stripping loose. Car is in Rio Rancho and drives great, Owner asking \$37,000. Contact Baron Keough at (912) 335-9004 for more photos and specific details.



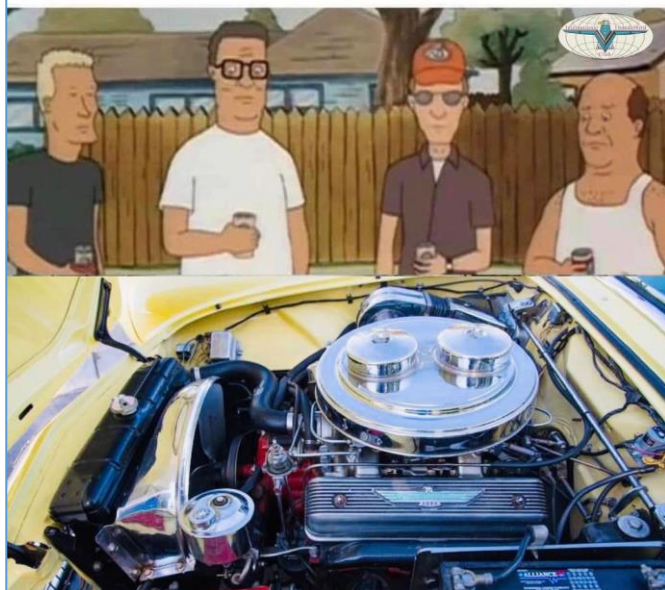


**WANTED: Want list for 1957 thunderbird parts needed :**

1. Headlight surrounds.
2. Vent door for right fender.
3. Dash stainless piece that goes up under the speedo housing.
4. Restorable manual seat with tracks.
5. Taillights
6. Top stainless piece for grill
7. Lights for front bumper, and bumper brackets for front.
8. Stainless around windshield, in and out
9. Good soft top assy - maybe not quite ready yet. I have the mounting bracket for the bottom that attaches to the floor.
10. Gas filler door
11. Heater controls.
12. Wind wings
13. Tach
14. The black piece on the right side that has the blower fan.
15. Any of the vent housings that go under the tops of the inside of the front fenders. Fiber glass or metal okay. I understand there are 5 pieces?
16. Any of the reproduction chrome parts you might have left over, like the name tags, hash marks, door handles, in or out. In chrome pieces or stainless pieces, I am looking for new, or like new parts, or parts than can easily be restored.

Contact Jim at 512-375-9657 or [Jim.Seacoastfm@gmail.com](mailto:Jim.Seacoastfm@gmail.com)

Women hate that men can just stand around like this for hours and be happy



If your Dad wore shoes like this when you were growing up, you have siblings you've never met





# THE CHALK GUY IS BACK

This incredible artist, Nikolaj Arndt, "chalks" drawings on a flat surface in such a manner so as to give them three dimensions! He was born in remote area of Russia in 1975, attended art school, moved to Germany in 2006, and since 2009 participates in street art festivals around the world, applying his special technique of 3D art.





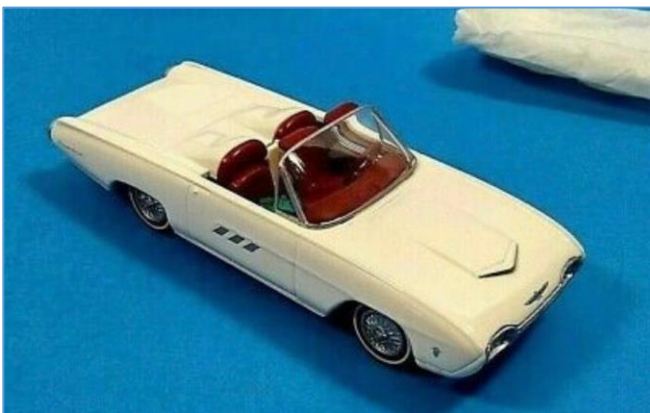
# Christmas Tree Classics

By Onyx Conklin

Christmas is headed our way and in keeping in tradition with the classics, I was researching Christmas ornaments. Hallmark has one of the longest running markets for ornaments. So popular are these little trinkets that people considered them to be “keepsakes” so Hallmark capitalized on that name. Their very first Keepsake was released in 1973 with yarn figures and round glass shapes. Today, you can find an ornament of just about anything from Charlie Brown to Elvis Presley to The Wizard of Oz. They also contract with Disney, Marvel Comics, Precious Moments, Warner Brothers, the NBA, and other big brands. But if you are looking for something more simplistic, it isn't just big name characters but also fun and whimsical ideas like fire trucks, carousels, quilting, cupcakes, tractors and guitars. If you can dream it, Hallmark can create it in a small little figure that gives personality to your Christmas tree.

With all of the innovative ideas for ornaments, should it be any surprise that the designers even showcased our classic Thunderbirds? Hallmark's Classic Car series included two different 1956 baby blue Small Birds and a cream colored 1963 Ford Thunderbird Sports Roadster. The great news is, if you are shopping for the perfect Christmas gift, you will find that Hallmark can meet the interests of just about anyone. In fact, many people enjoy them so much, they keep them out all year! For us TBird lovers, the 1956 Thunderbird can be found on Hallmark's website and the 1963 model can be found on eBay and all for under \$20. They are wonderful ways to show people you take in interest in what matters to them. They are also great ways to begin new traditions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our fellow Thunderbird family!



### *Insights:*

**Aphorism: A short, pointed sentence that expresses clever observation or a truth.**

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Stroke a cat, and you will have a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the teenage boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m.  
— for example, it could be the right number.
13. No one ever says: "It's only a game" when their team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.
15. Be careful about reading the fine print — there's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have many thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos?
18. Money can't buy happiness, but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than in a Ford.
19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you're probably dead.
20. Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind, and the ones that mind don't matter.
21. Politicians and diapers should be changed often, and for the same reason.



### **More insights:**

The Beatles split 52 yrs ago..  
The movie Wizard of Oz is 82 yrs old.  
Elvis is dead 44 yrs. He'd be 86 today.  
Michael Jackson's Thriller video is 38 yrs old.

Mickey Mantle retired 53 yrs ago.  
The movie Saturday Night Fever is 44 yrs old.  
The Ed Sullivan show ended 49 yrs ago.  
The Corvette turned 68 yrs old this year.  
The original Mustang is 57 years old.



## IT WAS WINTER

By Anonymous

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did it get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than I am...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's not over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. Do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

Can I get some pumpkin pie with my cool whip?



I bought a bird feeder. I hung it on my back porch and filled it with seed. What a beauty of a bird feeder it was, as I filled it lovingly with seed. Within a week we had hundreds of birds taking advantage of the continuous flow of free and easily accessible food.

But then the birds started building nests in the boards of the patio, above the table, and next to the barbecue. Then came the poop. It was everywhere: on the patio tile, the chairs, the table ... everywhere! Then some of the birds turned mean. They would dive bomb me and try to peck me even though I had fed them out of my own pocket. And other birds were boisterous and loud. They sat on the feeder and squawked and screamed at all hours of the day and night and demanded that I fill it when it got low on food. After a while, I couldn't even sit on my own back porch anymore. So I took down the bird feeder and in three days the birds were gone. I cleaned up their mess and took down the many nests they had built all over the patio.

Soon, the back yard was like it used to be ..... quiet, serene.... and no one demanding their rights to a free meal.

Now let's see..... Our government gives out free food, subsidized housing, free medical care and free education, and allows anyone born here to be an automatic citizen. Then the illegals came by the tens of thousands. Suddenly our taxes went up to pay for free services; small apartments are housing 5 families; you have to wait 6 hours to be seen by an emergency room doctor;

Your child's second grade class is behind other schools because over half the class doesn't speak English. And the government is now giving each illegal \$450,000!! Corn Flakes now come in a bilingual box; I have to 'press one ' to hear my bank talk to me in English, and people waving flags other than "ours" are squawking and screaming in the streets, demanding more rights and free liberties.

Just my opinion, but maybe it's time for the government to take down the bird feeder!!!





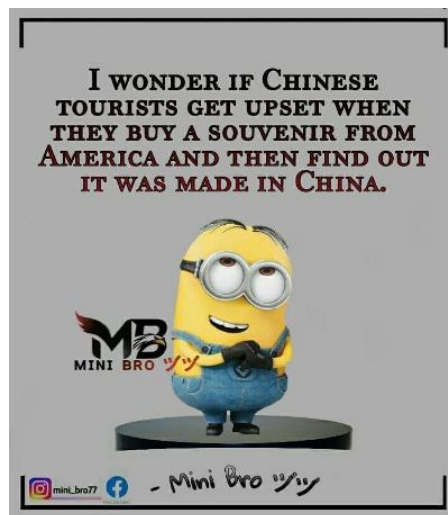
## Surprise Reflection from Ray wolf

What happens when trying to get a closeup photo of the pinstriping design on the trunk of this beautiful 193? Ford Hot Rod Roaster:



**Getting gas this morning, I noticed the person before me on pump 3 bought \$10.00 worth. Where the hell were they going?  
To pump 4?**

Oldtimers9.com





Thunderbird Interest:

## James Laga's artistic Thunderbird Concepts:





Just pretend you don't see the big-ass diesel generator in the background, while you charge your electric car and save the world... #Derp



Well, there it is. A gas generator being used to charge the dead battery in an electric car. My day is complete. 🍌

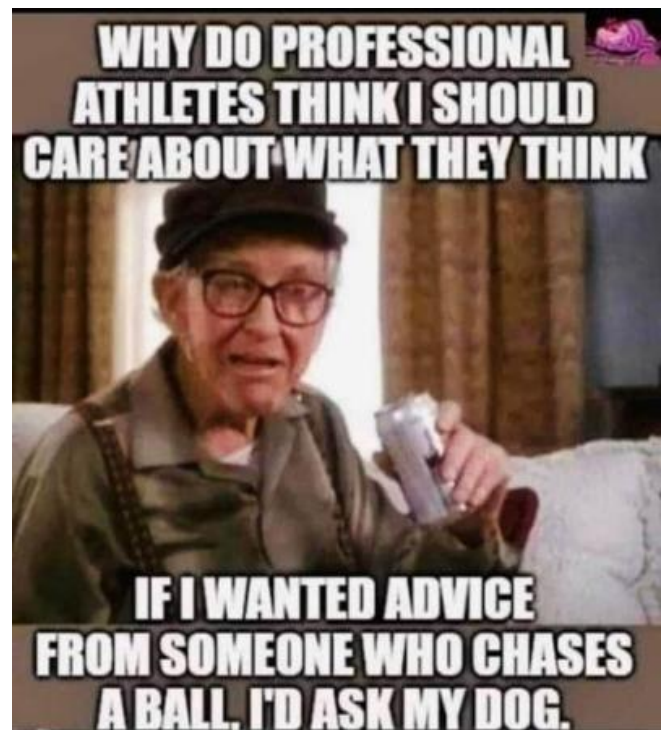


**The bottle came back!**



**The note reads, "Stay where you are. America has gone crazy."**

**WHY DO PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES THINK I SHOULD CARE ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK**



**IF I WANTED ADVICE FROM SOMEONE WHO CHASES A BALL, I'D ASK MY DOG.**

**Why my car gets bad mileage**



Bad aerodynamics

Big engine

I like the sound it makes when I put my foot to the floor

my guardian angel when they got assigned to me

