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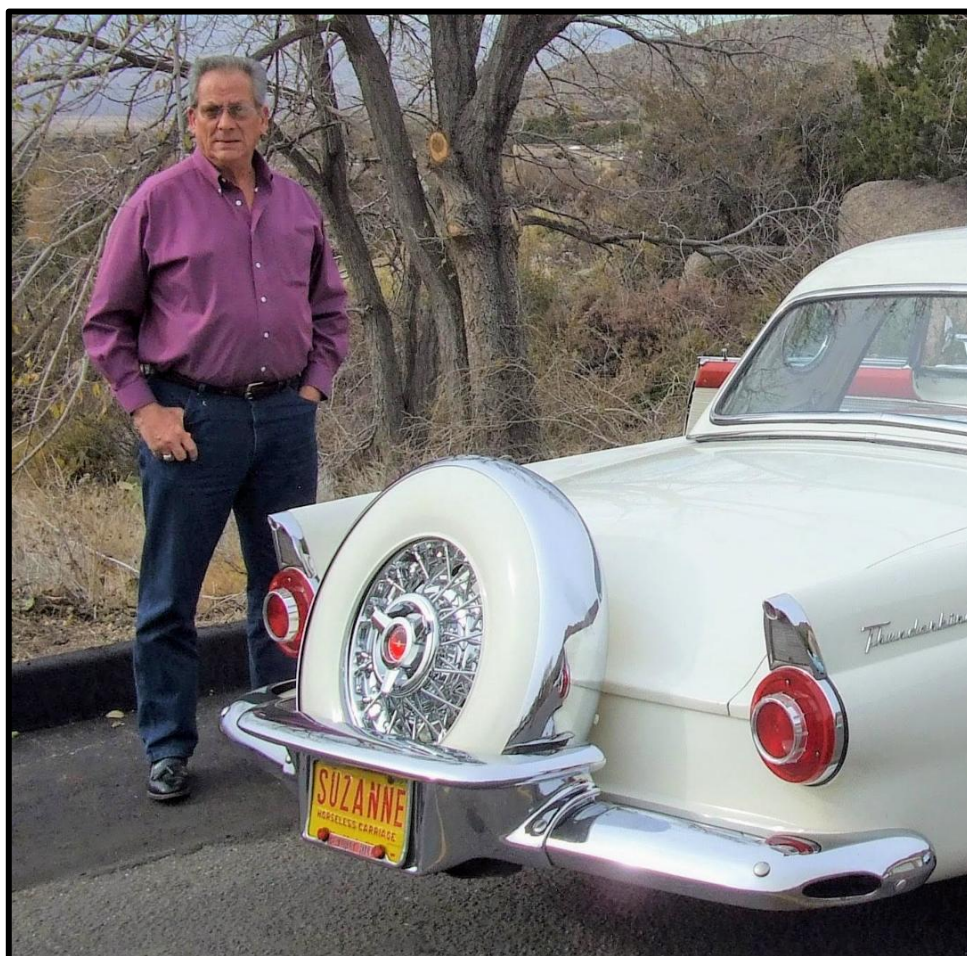
**PAJARITO
THUNDERBIRD
CLUB**
of
NEW MEXICO
Chapter 17 of CTCI

Member Update

Wishing Pajarito Club member Art Johnson a speedy recovery from recent prostate surgery!



We recently learned that Pajarito Club Member and great car guy, Ed Gammon has passed away. Ed drove a dark blue 57 Chevy along with a Nomad, a Corvette and a beautiful white 1956 Thunderbird (SUZANNE). Those who knew him will certainly miss him. May he rest in peace. Our condolences to his family.



Pres Message

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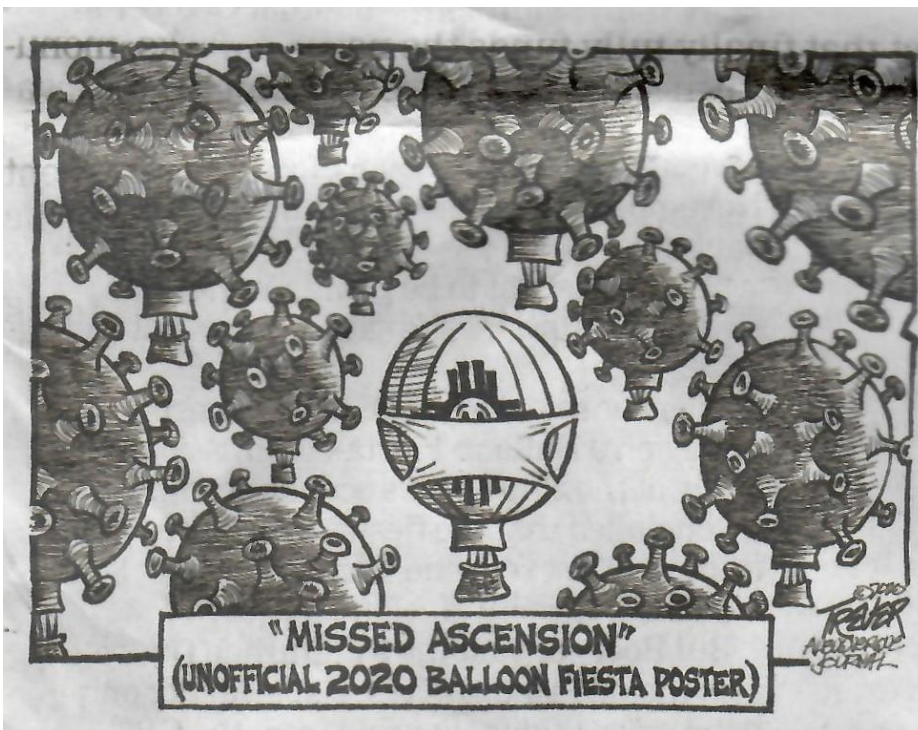


Happy New Year, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable end to 2020. As we start 2021 we have hope that things will slowly start opening up and we can resume car shows and club events as soon as possible. We will closely monitor the state regulations and look for opportunities to get together as we go along. The winter has been very mild so far, hopefully you have been able to take your Thunderbird out for an occasional cruise to keep it running, spring is coming soon, and car weather is approaching.

TRAE WOOD



Stay safe – see you soon!!



Congrats:



This photo of Trae and Ray Wood's '57 Thunderbirds appears as the month of October photo in the 2021 CASCO calendar.

Ray Wood still has 2021 Calendars provided by Hill's Thunderbird Center. Give him a call at 259-7283 to arrange pickup or delivery.

Speaking of 2021 calendars; see October photo in the CASCO calendar and the August photo in the BATOC calendar for Pajarito Club Thunderbirds.



Enough said:

Worldwide Vehicle Production Comparison

Country	2020 Production
China	27,000,000
USA	11,000,000
Japan	9,500,000
India	5,500,000
Germany	5,000,000

Parts Wanted:

I'm looking for a good pair of original 14 inch wheels, and a nice passenger side wing window frame for a '57 T-Bird.

Thanks, Dennis Potter email: dapnmap@comcast.net



Update on Work in Progress from Dennis Potter:



NEEDS (from outside New Mexico)

Wanted: '57 nine inch third member ratio 3/10 to 1 or close. Contact Scott McGilvray 214-341-3597

Need a 3-speed Manual Transmission for '57 T-Bird. Either in good condition or at least rebuildable. Contact Neil Swartz 310-291-4834

HAVES

For Sale: Used rear anti-sway bar with mounting brackets, bushings & bolts. Fits a '55 or '56 T-Bird \$75. complete. Contact Allan Hastings 214-608-8993

Original generator mount— FREE Contact Bob Soltysik soltysik@live.com or 972-562-4794

For Sale: 1956/57 new old stock T-Bird Steering Wheel: Black \$300. Contact Scott McGilvray 214-341-3597

Set of '55-'56 Ford 15 inch Wheels \$250. Contact John or Karen Dendy 972-258-0190 or 214-662-2035 (KD Cell) dendy.prestonpub@verizon.net

5 Wire wheel covers, 5 small hubcaps with white Centers, and 40 clips with rubber bumpers \$580.
4 Ford factory 15" wheels—painted beautiful Red \$200. Contact Von Irwin Fiesta 214-507-0203

Replacing a Thunderbird

Fuel Filter by Doug Stoessner

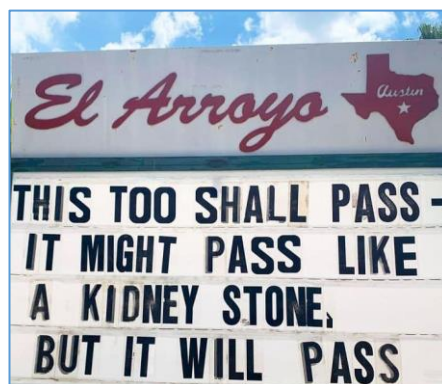
The fuel filter for your Thunderbird is located inside a glass bowl which is in the fuel line directly above your fuel pump on the driver's side of the engine compartment at the front of the engine. To insure that your car's fuel system is working properly, it is important that you periodically change the fuel filter.



When changing your fuel filter you will be working with gasoline. Please use caution!

Make sure the new fuel filter comes with the rubber gasket for the glass bowl. The rubber gasket slides over the filter element. The filter should have a bit of material protruding past the filter element so the rubber gasket presses against it and holds the filter element in place against the filter housing. Before replacing the fuel filter, make sure that your car is on level ground and the engine is not running. Now find the glass bowl. The glass bowl is held in place by a wire harness with a wing nut at its base. By loosening the wing nut at the base of the glass bowl, you can push the wire harness over to one side and remove the glass bowl from the fuel filter housing. Be careful to catch any gas that may spill.

The following tip is not necessary, but it made replacing the fuel filter much easier: Using a 1/2" and 9/16" wrench, loosen the two brass gas line fittings which connect the fuel filter housing on both sides to the fuel lines. You will only need to loosen the fittings enough to allow you to swing the filter housing upside down so that the fuel filter element will be facing up, directly at you. Once you have rotated the filter housing, remove the fuel filter element. Next, install the new filter element with the paper side towards the fuel filter housing and install the new gasket over the filter element being careful not to fold or kink it. Make sure the gasket fits evenly in the recessed channel of the filter housing. Reinstall the glass bowl and place the wire harness back in its original position around the glass bowl. Tighten up the wing nut so that the glass bowl fits snugly into the fuel filter housing. Make sure your gasket did not shift out of the channel in the filter housing. Turn the filter housing, with the glass bowl attached, back into its original position so that the glass bowl is underneath the filter housing. Now retighten the brass gas line fittings on both sides, start the engine and check for leaks.



BATTERY TERMINAL CABLE CONNECTION

By Tim Chaput

Are you plagued by bad battery cable connections? The connection with the real trouble is the negative cable, which connects the negative battery terminal to the firewall of a '57 T-Bird. This connection usually grows something often called 'Hair.' Different remedies have been tried: There is the felt washers sold at auto parts stores, also sprays to stop the 'Hair' growth, washing the battery terminal down with Coke, and removing the cable entirely and taking it to the wire wheel. None of these are a long term fix. A suggested solution is Dielectric Grease.



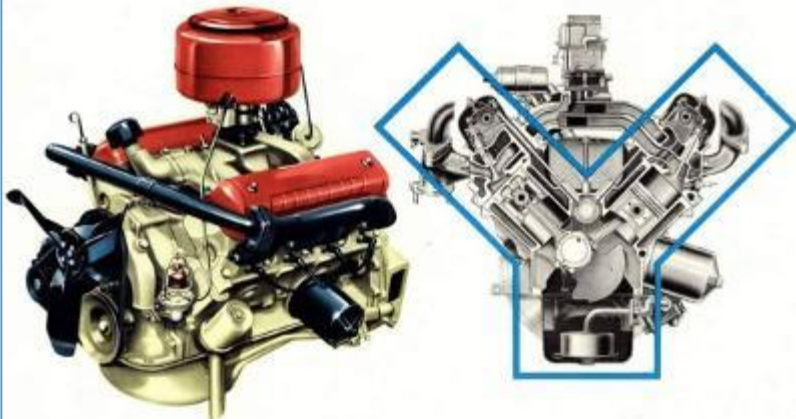
First remove the negative cable from the battery and the firewall, for '57's. 1955 and '56, this ground cable connects to the engine. Then use a wire wheel to remove every bit of 'Hair'. It might be best to start with a new cable as an alternative' Spread the dielectric grease on the terminal, all the way down to the top of the battery case. Then spread the grease on the inside and outside of the battery cable connector, making sure to push some into the bolt threads.

Wipe excess grease off of the battery terminal before reinstalling the cable. If you do this, be sure to try to start the car. If it does not start then you still have too much grease between the terminal and the connector. Remove this and wipe down both lightly. Reconnect and try again.



The new
130-h.p. Y-block V-8

Modern low-friction, high-compression design and new deep-block construction mean smoother, quieter, more responsive power with greater economy and longer engine life.



Linda Wood asked for new shoes for her birthday, so Ray got her some whitewall spats with gold stripes for "HER*BRD".



Some facts before supporting National Charities?

The Salvation Army

Commissioner, Todd Bassett

Receives a small salary of only

**\$13,000 per year (plus housing) for
Managing this \$2 billion dollar
Organization.**

**96 percent of donated dollars go
To the cause.**

Veterans of Foreign Wars

National Commander receives

**A \$0.00 zero
Salary.**

**Your donations go to help
Veterans and
their families
and youth!**

The American Legion

National Commander receives

**A \$0.00 zero
Salary.**

**Your donations go to
Veterans and their families
and youth!**

Disabled American Veterans

National Commander receives

**A \$0.00 zero
Salary.**

**Your donations go to help
Veterans and their families
and youth!**

Make a Wish:

For children's
last wishes.

**100% goes to
funding trips or
Special wishes
for a dying child.**

The Military Order of Purple Hearts

**National Commander receives a
\$0.00 zero salary.**

**Your donations go To help
Veterans and their families and youth!**

The Vietnam Veterans Association

National Commander receives

A \$0.00 zero Salary.

**Your donations go to help
Veterans and their families and youth!**

Lions Club International

**100% OF DONATIONS GO TO HELP
BLIND, BUY HEARING AIDES,
SUPPORT MEDICAL MISSIONS
AROUND THE WORLD
LATEST UNDERTAKING IS MEASLES
VACCINATIONS
(at ONLY \$1.00 PER SHOT).**

Ronald

McDonald Houses

**All monies go to running the houses for
parents who have critically ill
Children in the hospital.**

**100% goes to housing and feeding the
families.**

Convoy of Hope

Convoy of Hope is a faith-based nonprofit
providing food, supplies, and humanitarian
services to the impoverished. Also
engages in disaster relief work.

**CEO salary 0.17% of donations
www.ConvoyofHope.org**

Feeling Grinchy Cause I Miss My Birds

By Onyx Conklin

I am a certifiable, all-round, winter time Grinch. Oh, I fully admit to it. I don't like the cold weather. At 6:30am I am awake and negotiating with my bladder to give me a half hour more under the blankets because I don't want to get out of bed and put my warm feet on the cold carpet. Winter is just a reminder that spring, summer, and fall are all on vacation. Winter is a bad romance—from dry alligator skin on my hands to scraping frost off my windshield with my credit card as an ice scraper. But out of all of my Grinch grumbles lies the part I like least—missing out on my cruise time.



See, I grew up in the era without air conditioning in the car, not cause it wasn't invented but because ours never worked. We had what I call the "Four-Sixty-Five" air conditioning—four windows down at sixty-five miles per hour. I never grieved those hot summers, in fact they gave me my appreciation for driving around with my sun roof open or the top down on that classic T-Bird. I love to cruise with the windows down, my speakers belting out Sinatra's "Luck Be A Lady" or Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman" as I'm sunning at the stoplight.



I have my sunglasses dipping low on my nose just enough so I can make that mischievous-raised-eyebrow look in the mirror, as I croon along with Frankie or steering wheel drum with Roy. Don't look at me like that as you're reading this, I know you have that ONE song that makes you feel like you're king or queen of the road. You know I'm right! So you also know I'm right about that warm weather feeling and how utterly confining winter is when we have to sadly put the tops back up and huddle around our heaters. Well, fellow T-Bird lovers, at the time of this writing there is only 86 days until spring and 180 days until summer. So for now, we will have to endure the blustery burden, but come March 20th, I'll expect to see you all back out on the road, top down, windows dropped, and your joyriding song cranked up!

A bit of History: Studebaker Trucks in WWII

While the Germans had built just 600 or so KdF-Wagens during World War II, Studebaker pumped out hundreds of thousands of military trucks that went on to become essential for the Soviet army.



"There were plenty of trucks, but they got stuck on the roads and had to be pulled out of the mud literally by hand," signalman Semyon Brevdo recalled. "The U.S. Studebaker trucks were a lifesaver. They came with a steel-cable winch above the front bumper ... The truck could pull itself out as long as there was something to attach the end of the cable to, and it could drag out other trucks too. Having one or two Studebakers in the column was the difference between success and failure."



Automotive History - The Brits saved Volkswagen:



Right after the war, the British intended to use the Volkswagen Type 1 to perform urgently needed transport tasks within their occupation zone. It was this British pragmatism that finally protected the plant against impending demolition. Senior Resident Officer Major Ivan Hirst played a key role in this development. It was his farsightedness and talent for improvisation that made it possible to start automobile production in the years of rationing under conditions dominated by shortages. With his enthusiasm for technology and cars, his

purposefulness and distinct attitude, he succeeded in transforming a former armaments plant into a civilian industrial company in an impressively short space of time.

Series production of the civilian Volkswagen, referred to internally as “Type 1”, which later became world-famous as the “Beetle”, only started following the end of World War II on December 27, 1945 under the trusteeship over Volkswagenwerk GmbH which had been assumed by the British Military Government in June 1945. The British intended to use the Volkswagen Type 1 to perform urgently needed transport tasks within their occupation zone. It was this British pragmatism that finally protected the plant against impending demolition. Senior Resident Officer Major Ivan Hirst played a key role in this development. It was his farsightedness and talent for improvisation that made it possible to start automobile production in the years of rationing under conditions dominated by shortages. With his enthusiasm for technology and cars, his purposefulness and distinct attitude, he succeeded in transforming a former armaments plant into a civilian industrial company in an impressively short space of time. The British Military Government had already issued an order for 20,000 vehicles in August 1945. The start of production was a visible sign of a new beginning and hope at the factory which had been largely destroyed by the end of World War II. This solution was in line with later British policy for Germany, which saw financial security and future prospects for the population as key elements in the development of democratic structures. Finally, democracy finds its way into the Volkswagenwerk: on November 27, 1945 the Works Council elected in a democratic ballot held its constituent meeting.

Nevertheless, there were considerable problems in supplying the workforce with food and living space and production was hampered by raw material and energy supply bottlenecks. Despite these difficult conditions, the first Volkswagen sedan left the production line shortly after Christmas. Wolfsburg and Volkswagenwerk GmbH received a belated Christmas present only eight months after the end of the war. By the end of 1945, 55 vehicles had been produced.

The decision to develop a civilian factory and to start series production of the Volkswagen Type 1 was the starting point of a unique success story. Thanks to the early restart, the Volkswagenwerk GmbH got an excellent initial position for the economic upswing after the introduction of the D-Mark. Under the unofficial designation of “VW Beetle”, the car became more popular than almost any other automobile model throughout the world. It was also a record breaker in terms of production duration and volume. Volkswagen only discontinued production of the VW Beetle in Mexico in 2003, after 21,529,464 vehicles had been manufactured, including about 15.8 million in Germany.

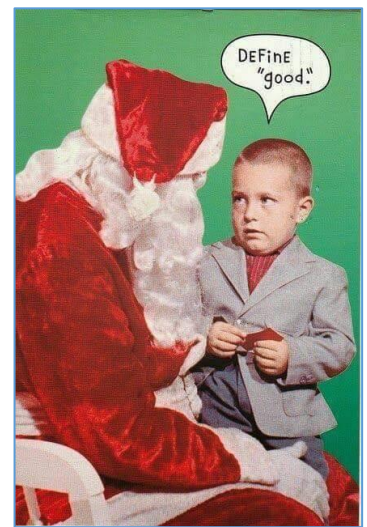
Wife: Did I get fat during quarantine?

Husband: You weren't really skinny to begin with!

Time of Death: 11:00pm

Cause: Covid

When you just can't be bothered to put in the effort



MY DOG'S NEW MASK



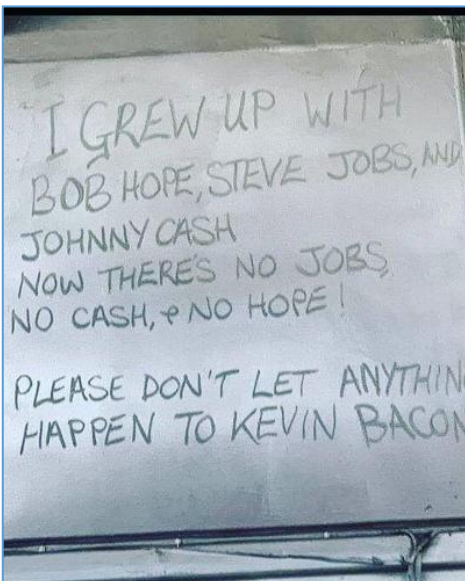
Redneck Mini Blinds, no need to clean or dust em . Just tear off and toss away.



IF YOU DONT WANT ME TO SHOP ONLINE



YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T USE MY NAME FOR ALL YOUR PASSWORDS



I'm watching a 3 year old pull up apps on a cell phone.

Me, I just figured out how to turn mine off without taking the battery out.

This little guy told his Dad that he wanted to learn how to train his dog and his Dad said there were lots of dog training videos on YouTube. So here he is, showing them to the dog!



My grandma talking to my mom about her new hearing aid, "it's the most expensive one you can buy, it cost me \$4,000"

My mom: "What kind is it"

My grandma: "it's 4:15pm"

Dear Santa,
I've been good
all year.
Most of the time.
Once in a while.
Never mind,
I'll buy my own stuff.

Gonna go lay under
the Christmas tree
to remind my family
that I'm a gift.

Wife: I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate.
Husband: Why not just throw it in the trash? That's much easier.
Wife: But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes.
Husband: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving.

Husband is recovering from a head injury now
😂😂



The official flag of 2020!

