



**PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
of  
**NEW MEXICO**  
Chapter 17 of the CTCI  
**December 2017 Newsletter**



## **Dec. 11: Deadline for Pajarito Christmas Party**

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Use the format at the back to sign up by 12/11/17

## **January 13 Lunch at Matanza - West**



Meet at 11:30 am

**Details:**  
**Saturday, Jan 13 at 11:30 AM**  
**3700 Ellison Rd NW**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87114**



Great Menu

Join us for our first event of 2018 for lunch at Matanza – West Local Craft Beer Kitchen. We will order off the menu to enable individual preferences. The menu includes New Mexico food favorites, smoked meats, and sandwiches

In addition to the beer, the club will ratify the election of Directors and Volunteers. We will also finalize the 21018 event calendar. The club callers will gather a list of those planning to attend one week before.



Offering 100 local craft beers on tap

Thanks for Marsha Marsden, Ray Wood and Sam C de Baca for photos for this issue.

# Pajarito Club Membership Drive

*You are cordially invited to join or renew your Pajarito Club membership for 2018. If you have been involved during 2017 we hope you have made some new friends and renewed old relationships. We are very good at 'old'....*

**Benefits** of being a member of our local Thunderbird club are:

1. Invitation to all club events
2. Invitation to help coordinate an event or your choosing
3. Monthly+ Newsletter
4. Email notice of all events and details
5. Open invitation to ROMEO breakfasts (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Women also welcome for sure.
6. Involvement in any trivia discussions
7. Free Technical advice – a bargain at twice the price
8. Open Invitation to participate in club contests and raffles
9. reduced cost for members at some events and meals

The cost is a VERY low \$15.00 per year for email newsletters and \$20.00 for paper versions mailed to your address

## Joining or renewing is easy:

Just fill out the membership form on the last page of this newsletter and include a check by 12/31/17.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY**



**THINK POSITIVE**



**The elderly don't drive that badly, they are just the only ones with time to do the speed limit. – Jason Love**



## Lunch at Cervantes – some new and some familiar faces



Orlando Chaves in his new Big Bird



Pete Edmonds and Rick Marsden



Virginia Kelly and Rose Roybal tending to the business at hand: eating



Ben and Sandra Harris



Terry and Gaye Leighley



Gaye Leighley and Alice Baca



## Lunch at Cervantes – lots of fun



Ray and Sam talking shop



Lloyd and Liz Powell



Leah Johnson and Buddy Crofton



Jean Kontny and Kay Belmont



Virginia Kelly with Rose and Amato Roybal



Pat Murphy and Jim Kontny talk after lunch



## Lunch at Cervantes



Eat first, talk later



Reba and Gary Burns



Beverly and Jay Norman



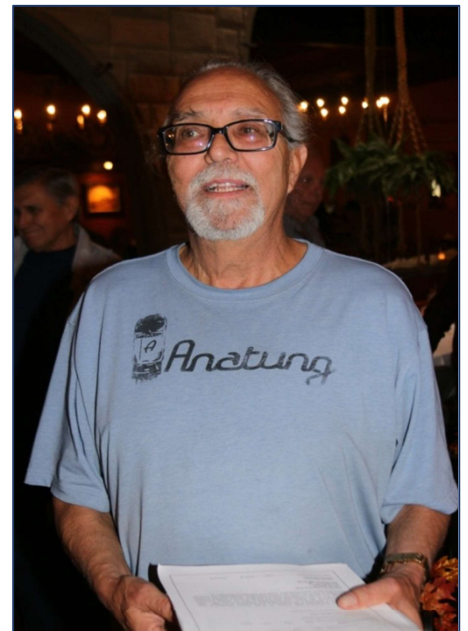
Linda says; "This bill can't be right!"



Gary, Cindy and Mary  
Kay Hoffman



Kay Belmont



Orlando Chaves who is  
a new member



## Lunch at Cervantes – the cars



Marsha and Rick Marsden's Retro



Buddy Crofton's gleaming white 55



Bill Verant's 56



Orlando's Big Bird



Linda Wood's Retro (I hope)



Jay and Bev Norman's Retro



The Newsletter Editor's Square Bird



Ben Harris Black '56



Jim Timmons '56



Phil Kuhl from Pagosa  
with his very clean T-bird



Gary Burns Perfect Big Bird



## Ed Sauer Celebrates another Birthday with cheer



## Car History:

First power seats?



1947 Packard line.

## Available Pajarito Club Officer and Volunteer positions :

**President**  
**Vice President**  
**Treasurer**  
**CTCI Representative**  
**MNCCC Representative**  
**Newsletter Editor**

**Website Communication**  
**Trustee/Past President**  
**Director/Past President**  
**Director at Large**  
**Phone Callers (3 or 4)**

If you are interested in participating and have paid your 2018 dues, please contact the current President, Sam c De Baca at email: [rmrcnm60@gmail.com](mailto:rmrcnm60@gmail.com) or text/phone at 505-249-1650. Your involvement is very welcome. And the pay is impressive....

## Where shall we go in 2018?

•We have had an exciting 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2017 but it is time to put together a plan of activities for the club in 2018.



Activities can include trips, shows, luncheons and celebrations. Please submit your ideas for events that you are willing to organize and lead by January 1, 2018. Send as email or text to: Lloyd Powell Email: [Lloydpo@aol.com](mailto:Lloydpo@aol.com) or text 505-280-3114. The club's board will make final decisions for announcement at the January luncheon 1/13/18.



At the last minute a few of us were able to support the Toys for Tots Car show Dec. 1





# Retro T-Bird for Sale

2003 Retro originally from Texas

- Never seen snow with 88K miles
- Bob and Donna's pride and joy but age takes its toll
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner at Regional Meet
- No scratches or dents
- Two tops and includes winch set up for hard top removal



Please call if you can give our pride a good home:

Bob and Donna Potter  
2428 Fairway Drive  
Deming NM 88030

Tel 575 430 7643 or 575 640 8975



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## More Acronyms decoded (from Alan Highley)

**CHRYSLER = Can Hear Revs Yet Sense Little Engine Reaction**

**BUICK = Big Ugly Imitation Chrome King**

**FERRARI = Fragile Expensive Rides React Always Rude Italians**

**MG = Money Guzzler**

**JAGUAR = Just Another Gearbox Under Annual Repair**

**ROVER = Rotting Old Vehicle Ever Rusting**

**MERCURY = Massive Engines Run Curiously Underpowered Rolling Yawnbarges**

**MITSUBISHI = Mechanics Investigate Trouble Some Understand But It's Sure Had It**

**OLDSMOBILE = Overpriced Leisurely Driven Sedan Made Of Buick's Irregular Leftover Equipment**

**HONDA = History Of No Dramatic Acceleration**

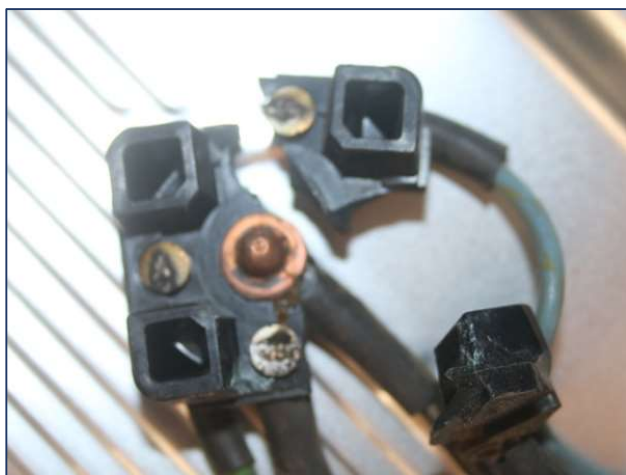




## Tech Tip – repairing a power seat switch



The problem is that the switch knob has been crushed into the switch



In addition, the connector block is now in three pieces.



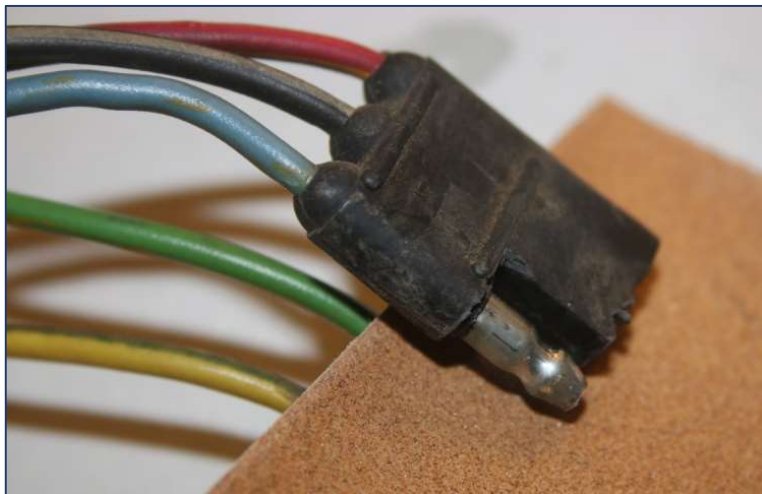
Use 'single use' glue tube to repair the connector block. Careful to avoid getting super-glue on your fingers



A set of small files available from a hobby store comes in handy



File off the accumulated crud on each contact point



Also use very fine (220+ grit) to clean up each pin contact



# Tribute to Landau Thunderbirds



From our own club:





## A Challenge?

Can you name the car company that built this car in 1954?

Hint: They also built bicycles under the same name...



When you get a chance, take a look at this stupid criminals video:

<http://www.ourlighterside.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Car-jacking113-2.mp4>

## A little auto history:

First alternator - The 1960 Plymouth Valiant



## What you never want to see:



But then it is sometimes said: "The best mirror is an old friend – George Herbert

OPTIMISM IS GOING AFTER MOBY DICK  
IN A ROWBOAT



AND TAKING TARTAR SAUCE WITH YOU!



## An ignominious end?





December 11 is the **LAST CHANCE** to sign up:

# PARITO CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Use the form:

Member First Names: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Member Meals:

Margarita Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast: \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Flat Iron Steak (or Special Request) ..... \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Meals:

Margarita Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast: \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) x \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Flat Iron Steak (or Special Request)..... \_\_\_\_\_ (Qty) x \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(specify special meal request) \_\_\_\_\_

Please copy or detach this form and mail to:  
**Pajarito Thunderbird Club**  
**c/o Jay Norman**  
**815 Hydra Rd. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124**

Call Jay with any questions at 891-8795

**Please enclose your check (no cash) to the “Pajarito Thunderbird Club” and get it quick to Jay Norman before December 11<sup>th</sup>,2017.**



# Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER DATA

### Required Information:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member CTCL # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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, Chapter 17, of the Classic Thunderbird Club International is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the 1955 – 1957 Ford Thunderbird. We recommend joint membership in CTCL for liability insurance coverage. Our annual membership dues are \$15.00 to receive emailed monthly newsletters or \$20.00 for hardcopy mailed newsletters.**

**Please make a copy of this form, enter the required information above and enclose your check and mail before 12/31/2017 to:**

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Official Use Only: Date Dues Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_