



PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB

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Recent Events

Perfect Christmas Event!

Ray and Linda put together the perfect Christmas Event, our Pajarito party at the Indian Cultural Center. We ate well and the Chinese Auction was a full success. Thanks



Trae leads the festivities with Tony Beach



Sherry welcomes Sue Chisolm



Mary Ann and Dennis Potter

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Recent Events

More Christmas Event Photos



Ray and Tom examine the decorations



Ed Sauers daughter, Teri Sauer Beach anticipates



Gary in recovery



Sherry Tony and Ed



Fred II and Fred dig in



Trudy glows



Gary and Reba Burns



Laura Murray



Dennis Potter

Even More Christmas Event Photos



Yvonne and Trae Wood



Terry and Gaye Leighley



*Mike Harding shares with
Trae Wood*



Linda and Ray



Ray takes a picture of Reba and Linda



*No one else can get
away with this tie!*

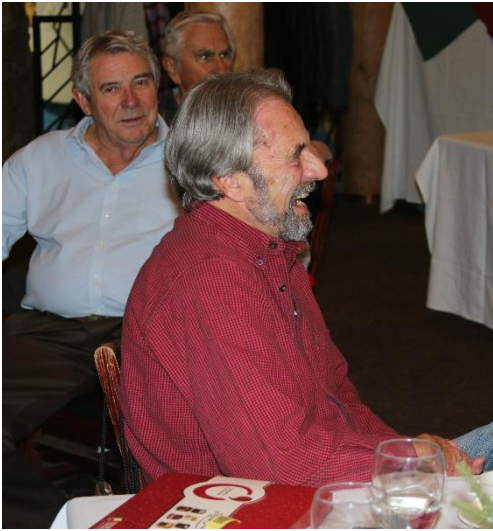


Roberta and Nick Lester

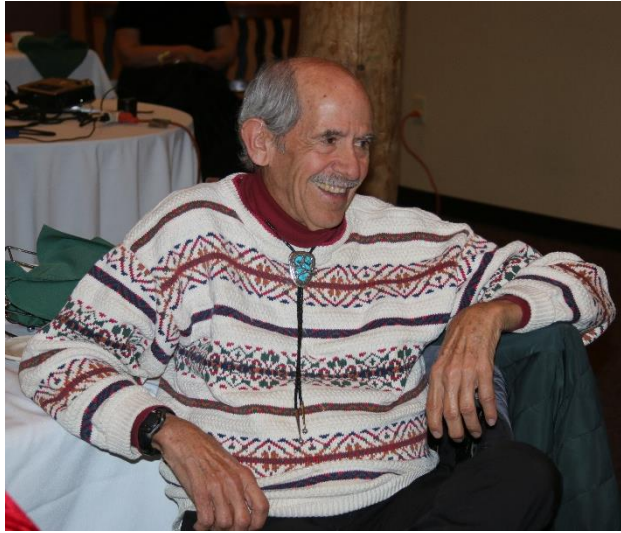


Mike Harding and Cindy Schmidt

More White Elephant at Christmas Event



Freddie Lachameyer encourages



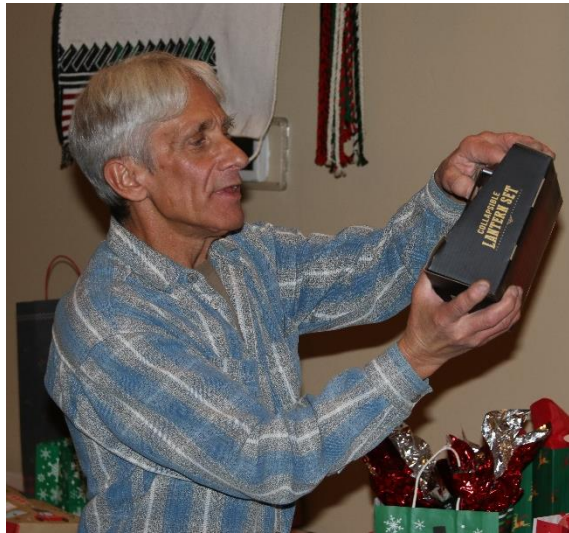
Tom Windes watches



*Gaye Leighley claims
what she wants*



Laura Murray gets Ed's help



Fred II Lachenmeyer wins



Jean Haydu rejoices



But will Yvonne Wood return next year with the tortilla quilt?



Laura Lachenmeyer gets a book

And More White Elephant at Christmas Event



Dennis Potter inspects his prize



Ray Wood cheers



Pat Murphy opens his



Liz Powell is so serious



Nick Lester is not sure what is happening



Sue Chisolm is not sure



Cindy Schmidt is not so sure



Trudy is appreciative

Final White Elephant



Ed Sauer is simply overwhelmed



Will Linda Wood bring back a White Elephant next year?

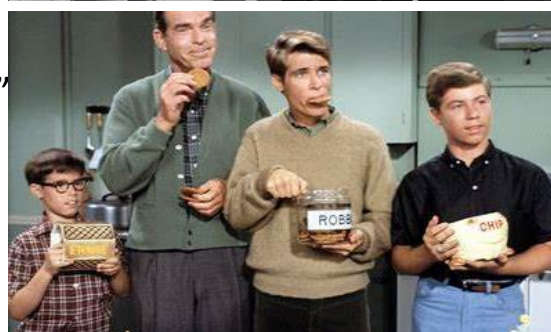
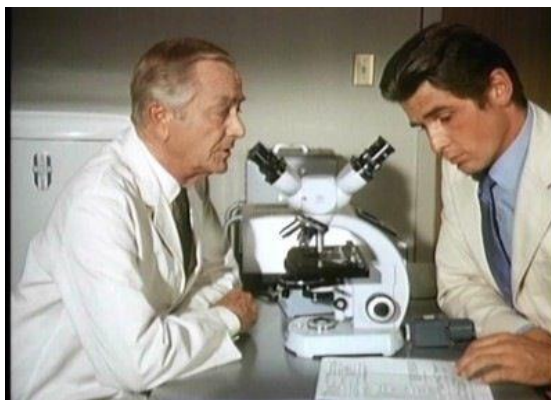


Roberta Lester is surprised

1957 Remembered

Popular TV Programs:

- "All My Children"
- "McCloud"
- "The Flip Wilson Show"
- "NFL Monday Night Football"
- "The Odd Couple"
- "The Partridge Family"
- "Marcus Welby MD"
- "Here's Lucy"
- "Ironside"
- "Gunsmoke"
- "Hawaii Five-O"
- "Medical Center"
- "Bonanza"
- "The Mod Squad"
- "Adam-12"
- "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In"
- "Mayberry R.F.D."
- "Mannix"
- "My Three Sons"
- "The Carol Burnett Show"



Pres Says:

January 2023



Happy New Year! – I'm looking forward to a great new year with the club and my new responsibilities as the Region 6 director for CTCL.

We had a great time at the Christmas party in December, thanks to Ray and Linda Wood for putting together another great event, and thanks to Ed Sauer for running the white elephant exchange, there was some great gifts and lots of fun with steals for the best prizes!

We will have an officer's meeting on January 21st to discuss club events for 2023. As always, we will be looking for folks to host or coordinate a club get together, if you are interested, please let me know, we want to put together some great events for next year.

Dues for 2023 will be \$25.00 each and can be sent to:
Please use the following form for basic info and send your payment to:

Pajarito Thunderbird Club.
PO Box 93026
Albuquerque NM 87199



Upcoming events:

Every Thursday: 7:30 AM Breakfast at Hello Deli
Officers Meeting – Saturday January 21st – Trae's Garage - 11am



Stay safe – see you soon!!

TRAE WOOD



2023 Pajarito Membership Renewal

We are beginning membership renewal for the club. Dues are \$25.00 for the year and requested by January 31. If there are no changes, no form is requested. If you are new to the club or have changes, please use the following form to submit your membership. Please mail your 2023 dues to the PO box address shown below:

Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico 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 ____ Newer: _____

Optional Information:

Current Thunderbird/s Running: 1955 ____ 1956 ____ 1957 ____ Newer: _____

Other Collector Cars Currently Owned: _____

Interested in Holding Pajarito Club Office? _____

Interested in Hosting or Coordinating a Club Activity? _____

Any Suggestions for Club Activities? _____

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 Ford Thunderbird". We recommend joint membership in CTCI for liability insurance coverage. Anyone interested in Ford Thunderbirds is welcome to join and ownership is not a requirement!

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 Ray Wood at (505) 259-7283 with any Pajarito Thunderbird Club related questions.

Please make a copy of this completed form with the requested information, enclose your check or cash and mail to:

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

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

Pajarito Club Officers:



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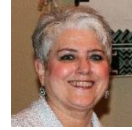
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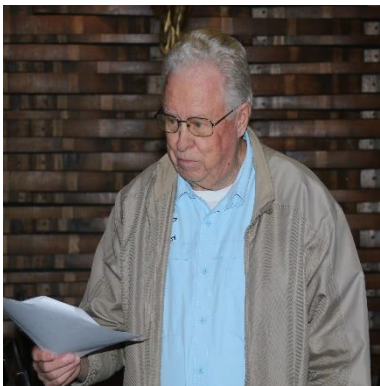
Calling Committee S thru Z – Gary Burns
Tel: 505-903-2840
gjburns625@gmail.com

Pajarito Sadness

Bereavement

Jay Norman

February 3, 1938 - December 12, 2022



We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Jay Norman. He has been a member of RRPC since 1997 and served as an elder on Session, on the Audit Committee and was a leader in the Men's Breakfast Group. No services are being planned at this time.

Memorial gifts may be given to RRPC to the Worship Ministry of the Church. Please hold his wife Beverly and their family in your prayers. "For all the saints, who from their labors rest..." Blessings

Pastor Kathy Westmoreland Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church 505.892.6664

POWER SEAT MODIFICATION

By Scott McGilvray

Section 12

This tech tip is compliments of Peter Leddy who was working on a power seat while I stopped by.

Some owners need more leg room than their power seat is capable of giving. By performing the following modification you can add an additional inch plus is achievable. If you don't think an inch is significant try moving the seat in your family car an inch out of its normal position and see.



Picture #1 is of the seat frame out of the car and turned over. The two bolts in the middle of the track hold the seat to the frame.



Picture #2 shows the rear bolt removed. Just rearward of these two bolt heads is a "nub" that is the stop for the ball bearing over which the seat moves. This "nub" needs to be flattened. If it is just cut off the resulting hole will not let the ball pass. Use a punch to knock the "nub" nearly flat and use a file, grinder or Dremel tool to smooth it down. The ball will now stop at the head of the first bolt when it is reinstalled in the track.

An additional eighth of an inch can be gained by cutting the rear part of the bolt head away. Remember to do both sides and your passenger will always be ahead of you.

If you didn't do it when the car was restored clean and lube the tracks to insure smooth operation. Also sight down the tracks to see if a previous owner's weight has bent the tracks.



Picture 3 shows stock travel of the seat and Picture 5 shows a second hole drilled in the floor bracket so the seat has the range it needs. This second hole may not be necessary but why take a chance, it's a lot of work to do it later.

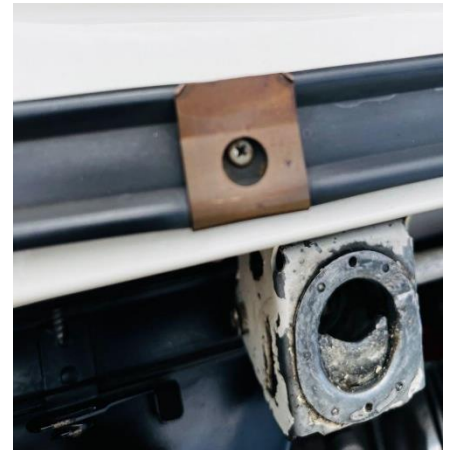


This procedure is only good on 4 way seats. Dial-O-Matic seats are limited by their motors and theoretically would stop where they always did, but in a worst case scenario this modification could harm the motor.

Big D, Little birds

Hood Ground Clip improves radio reception

Anti static clip for 1955 and 1956 Thunderbirds that is attached to the hood pad on the cowl. Most 1957's did not have this clip and when they did. It was smaller (more narrow).



Automobile Info

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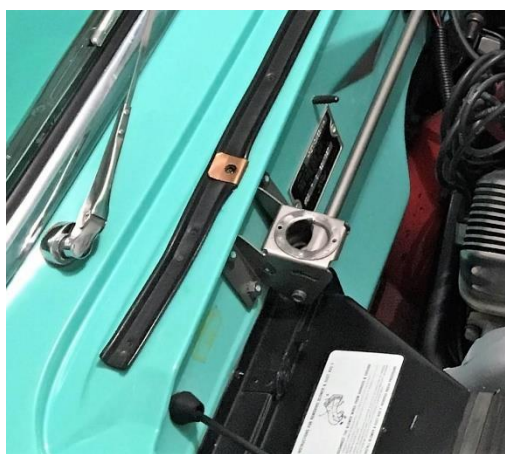


A battery in an electric car, lets say an average Tesla, is made of 25 pounds of lithium, 60 pounds of nickel, 44 pounds of manganese, 30 pounds of cobalt, 200 pounds of copper, and 400 pounds of aluminum, steel, and plastic, etc., averaging 750-1,000 pounds of minerals, that had to be mined and processed into a battery that merely stores electricity.

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What Was the Final US-Market Car to Get a 3-Speed Automatic?

In these days of the gear-count arms race, it's hard to imagine a mere three forward gears.

Now that we're up to ten forward speeds in ordinary street automatic transmissions, the idea of a *three*-speed automatic seems amusingly antiquated. The good old three-speed slushbox was a mainstay of the transmission world for many decades and it remained an option for car shoppers here until our current century.

The very first truly successful automatic car transmission actually had four forward speeds, becoming available starting with the 1940 Oldsmobile. The original Hydramatic proved very reliable, and still shines on a road-racing course today. GM also scored a smash hit with the two-speed Powerglide automatic during the 1950s and 1960s, but the three-speed dominated the North American automatic world from the 1960s through the early 1980s. The need for a fuel-saving overdrive high gear coupled with not-too-jarring shifts put the squeeze on three-speeds during the latter decades of the 20th century, but you could still get one in a new car here as late as— believe it or not— the 2002 model year.

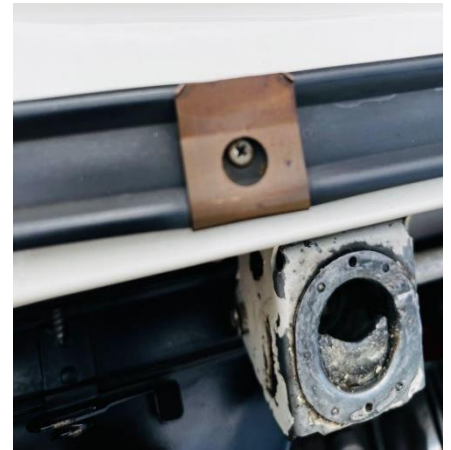
If you insisted on a bulletproof, old-school three-speed automatic in your 2002 new car, you had just two choices: the Toyota Corolla CE or the Corolla rebadged to Chevrolet Prizm. Chrysler's final three-speed-equipped North American Neons and Caravans were 2001s, and that was the last year for three-speed Chevy Cavaliers and Metros as well.

Just about everyone else had abandoned the three-speed automatic in American-market cars before the end of the 1990s (such is most definitely not the case with *trucks* sold here).



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Thunderbird Sales Items

Wanted:

- Looking for complete In Dash Heater Control unit for '56 T-Bird. Contact: Marian Herbst 817-705-5925
- 1957 T Bird convertible top and swing bar. Contact: Mike & Sue Lyford, adkcabins@aol.com
- Bumper jack for my 1955 Thunderbird. Ray Allard.. rayzal@live.co

Haves:

- Brand new Bra Kit for a Retro Bird to prevent travel road dings on the Front of the car. \$100.00
Contact: Marian Herbst Cell: 817-705-5925 Email: marian.herbst@yahoo.com

The following items available from Chuck Siebert at 214-284-6477:

- The book, THUNDERBIRD, an illustrated History of the Ford T-Bird by Ray Miller. FREE to a good home.
- Two 1957 brake drums and hubs, freshly Turned and painted. \$200.00 Contact for any/all in this section:
- Clock, 1955 or 56 fresh overhauled by Chuck Siebert The Clock Works in Wisconsin \$250.00
Inside Bottom windshield trim with Holes for Tonneau cover snaps. FREE if you need them.
- Brake cylinder right front for '56. New. \$5.00

Parts for Sale:

PARTS FOR SALE: Due to items not needed in the modifying of my husband, Dale's '55 T-Bird, we are ready to sell the parts. NO REASONABLE OFFER IS REFUSED. Contact: Nelda Turner: daletulsa@gmail.com or <http://www.tulsacruise.net>.

radiator and top.shroud
4 spoke fan blade
2 horns
front-in A frame
front engine mount
front cross member
steering linkage
sway bar for front
*fuel distribution 1-3
heater pieces

steering gear box
brake master cylinder
windshield wiper motor
*oil pump
*fuel pump
driveshaft
oil pan
cluster gauges
*steering wheel
3 speed shifter and bolts

driveshaft
shocks
complete rear-end assembly
sway bar
rear cross member
battery heat shield
gas tank
5 steel wheels
*short block- valley plate and
heads, timing chain and cam,
etc



Perfect Home Décor!

This coffee table was built by Art Technical Design of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was purchased by the current owner in 2000. It is constructed using components from a 5.3-liter Jaguar V12 engine and features an engine block and cylinder heads finished in silver as well as red-finished valve covers and black manifolds. The engine is mounted on a black rubber base, and the tempered glass tabletop is supported by four metal posts with polyurethane feet. Current bid is only \$2500!



Can you Guess the Value?

Pair of McLaren-Mercedes F1-Style Go Karts

These Go Karts are being auctioned on the web site 'Bring a Trailer.com'. What do you think they will sell for?

This pair of go-karts was produced in the 2010s to resemble early-2000s McLaren-Mercedes Formula 1 cars. The karts are finished in black and gold with replica Kimi-replacement West McLaren livery over a tubular steel frame, and power comes from a four-stroke 125cc single paired with a three-speed sequential transmission with reverse. Equipment includes an independent coil over front suspension, rear disc brakes, chain drive, metal front and rear wings, a fixed fiberglass seat, aluminum diamond-plate floor panels, a steering yoke on a telescoping column, a push-button electric starter, and a backlit gear selection display.



Pajarito Irony

Once in a while, we just have to stand back in awe of our government.

The Food Stamp Program, administered by the **U.S. Dept. of Agriculture**, is proud to be distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever - to 46 million people.

Meanwhile, the National Park Service, administered by the **U.S. Dept. of the Interior**, asks us to: "Please Do Not Feed the Animals." Their stated reason for the policy is because "the animals will grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves."



Thus ends today's lesson with the explanation of IRONY

My wife didn't order anything from Amazon yesterday so the UPS guy knocked on our door to see if we're okay.

If paying a cashier a living wage will make prices go up.
Why doesn't replacing cashiers with Self Checkouts make prices go down?

MY WIFE ASKED ME WHY I SPOKE SO SOFTLY IN THE HOUSE.
I SAID I WAS AFRAID MARK ZUCKERBERG WAS LISTENING!
SHE LAUGHED.
I LAUGHED.
ALEXA LAUGHED.
SIRI LAUGHED.

I found \$20 in a parking lot and thought to myself, What Would Jesus Do?

So, I turned it into wine.

Instead of electric cars, I think we should bring back the electric chair. It would solve more problems.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A GROUCHY OLD PERSON. THE TRUTH IS, ONCE YOU GET OLD, YOU STOP BEING POLITE AND START BEING HONEST.

My new SUV has a button that says "rear wiper". I'm afraid to push it. 🤨

ANGRY WIFE'S NOTE TO HUSBAND:

"Your dinner is in the recipe book on page 34 and the ingredients are at the store"

My wife and I are sitting on the couch watching tv and I hear a text, realizing I left my phone in the kitchen, I get up, go to the kitchen to check it...

and its a text from my wife:

Please bring the chips on your way back

People who ask me what I'm doing tomorrow probably assume that I even know what day of the week it is.

I'm in a Wal-Mart parking lot watching a woman who can't remember where she parked. Every time she holds her remote in the air, I honk my horn.

Pajarito Humor



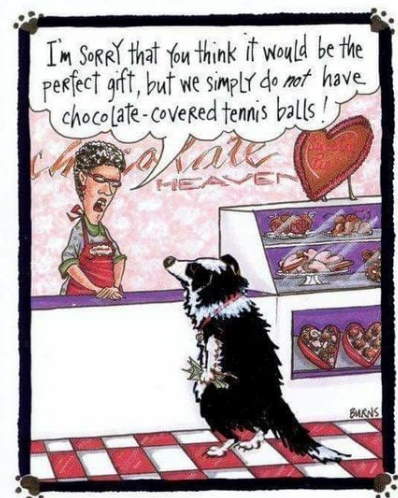
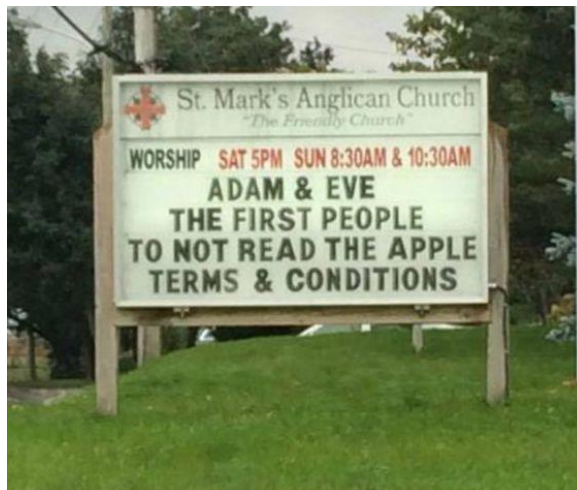
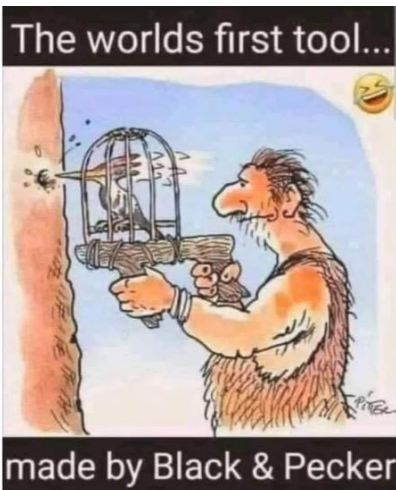
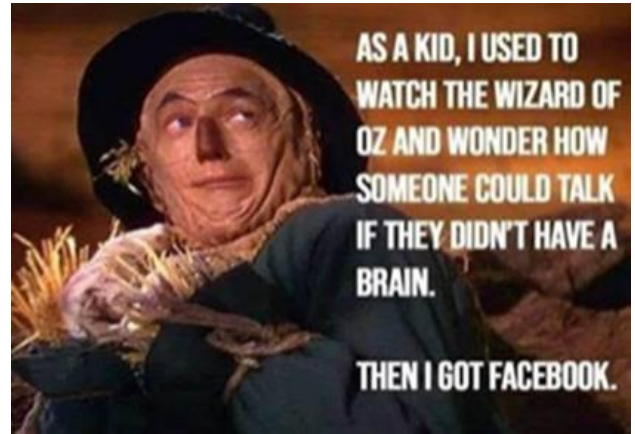
Mother-in-law came for dinner and said, "Why does the dog keep looking at me?" I said, "Because you're using his plate!"

Have you ever noticed that all instruments searching for intelligent life...



Are pointed away from Earth

I've never tried to outrun a police car. But, if this shows up behind me, yeah, I'm taking my chances.



Pajarito Humor

Recycling is nothing new to me.
I've been losing and gaining the
same ten pounds for twenty years!



OH LOOK A CANADIAN UBER.

Amish farmer washing his classic Mustang.

