

# **PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB**

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Recent Events

# **Thunderbird Visit to Rich Ford Edgewood**

Saturday, August 12th, found three 1955 and four 1957 Classic Thunderbirds, one "Square Bird", one "Style Bird", one "Retro Bird", and one 1941 Chevy on display at Rich Ford in Edgewood for their 24th Anniversary celebration. The Pajarito Club was well represented and got a lot of attention from prospective Ford buyers and local looky-lous. Also, the Rio Grande Mustang Club had a large turnout but were relegated to the lower used car lot. We were treated to hot dogs and pizza by our hosts Dennis and Allison. The weather was great, much cooler than the west side of the Sandia's. The short drive along old Route 66 was very enjoyable and just so much better than dodging the 18-wheelers on I-40. Thanks to our friends at Rich Ford for their hospitality and continued support.





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Note: Some photos and words from Ray Wood throughout this newsletter

# **Visit to Rich Ford Edgewood - Continued**



















# Visit to Rich Ford Edgewood - Again













# Thunderbird Display at Care-Net Race

On the same day, we were invited to an early morning event sponsored by Care-Net at Hoffmanntown Church and six T-birds plus one truck showed up. After examination of the cars, about 300 people walked or ran the track around the block. The cars were a welcome draw to the event. Care-Net had 350 races and raised \$ 53,.000.











# **More Thunderbirds at Care-Net**









Care-Net ultrasound van





### **Pres Says:**

September 2023

### Greetings



#### Pajarito Membership is still open!

Fill in the next form and send with \$25.00 to Pajarito Mail PO Box 93026 Abg, NM 87199

We had a great officer's meeting this past weekend and we were able to discuss the upcoming events for the rest of the year and we started making plans for the annual Christmas party. We also put the final touches on some new club flyers that we can use to recruit new members. The flyers will be available soon and we will give them out at our next events. We have had several new members join recently and I want to welcome them to our group! We hope you can join us at our next event in September, Craig Sower has put together a tour of the Wagner Farms and a luncheon at their cafe – Thanks Craig!!

Hope to see everyone there – bring your Thunderbirds!!

#### **Upcoming events:**

Every Thursday: Breakfast at Hello Deli 7:30am

Cars and Coffee Saturday September 9th 8:00am Grace Church

Officers Meeting – TBD

Stay safe – see you soon!!





# **Pajarito Club Officers:**



President – Trae Wood CTCI 35313 Tel: 505-270-7240 Trae Wood@genpt.com



Vice President - Dennis Potter CTCI 36768 Tel: 505-250-9012 dapnmap@comcast.net



Treasurer and Trustee – Ray Wood CTCI 652 Tel: 505-0259-7283 vrwood@comcast.net



Newsletter – Lloyd Powell CTCI 37583 Tel: 505-280-3114 Lloydpo@aol.com



**Director and CTCI Rep** – Craig Sowers CTCI 33929 Tel: 505-220-6194 craig@kitchensbycraig.com



**Director** – Ed Sauer CTCI 17536 Tel: 505-250-2606 edstbird@gmail.com



**NMCCA Representative** – Phil Lovato CTCI Tel: 505-345-5865 fordman56@centurylink.net

### **Calling Committee:**



**Calling Committee A thru D** – Dennis Potter Tel: 505-259-9012 dapnmap@comcast.net



Calling Committee E thru K – Linda Wood 505-250-2965 blubird2@gmail.com



Calling Committee L thru R – Sherry Jobe Tel: 505-250-1601 claunchtwin@aol.com



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

### 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 1	.9561957 Ne	ewer:		
Optional Information:				
Current Thunderbird/s Running: 1955	1956 1957 N	lewer:		
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, Chapte dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the " in CTCI for liability insurance coverage. Anyone intere not a requirement!	Classic Ford Thunderbird".	We recommend joint membership		
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 wi cash and mail to:	th the requested inforr	mation, enclose your check or		
Pajarito Thunderbird Club, PO	Box 93026, Albuquerq	ue, NM 87199		
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### **Updated Links for the Pajarito Club Website**

2023 Pajarito Ci	ub Activities	:	
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TBIRD Trivia:

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2022 CTCI Convention:

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2022 Pajarito Club Activities:

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T-BIRD Clebs:

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Vanity Plates

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# 2023 Pajarito Club Calendar

September	Ray Wood	Power Ford Labor Day Car Show	Sept 4 7:30 AM
	Craig Sowers	Casa San Ysidro, 973 Old Church Rd Corrales Museum Tour and Luncheon	Sept 16 10:30 AM
October	Trae Wood Lloyd Powell	Trae and Yvonne BBQ at their home Care-Net at Legacy East on Wyoming	Oct 21 Oct 27
November	Open	Open	TBD
December	Ray Wood	Christmas Party Luncheon at Prairie Star	Dec 17

## **Power Ford Labor Day Car Show**

Date: Labor Day September 4

Time: 7:30 Am to noon

Location: 1101 Montano NE

Benefit: Power Ford will contribute to Pajarito to help reduce the cost of the

**Christmas Party** 



# Casa San Ysidro Tour and Note change of lunch and tour start times Luncheon at Wagner Farms

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023

Time: 10:30 am early lunch at Wagner Farms followed by tour

**Host:** Craig Sowers

Cost: Tour is free. Separate checks at Wagner Cafe

Place: Casa San Ysidro Museum on 973 Old Church Road

in Corrales, NM

Lunch: The Wagner Café Main St Corrales, NM 87048

**Explanation:** The Gutiérrez and Minge House is a charming historic house museum in Corrales, New Mexico. The property



is home to one of the most comprehensive collections of New Mexican art and furnishings. The Casa consists of four main components: A Territorial Period Greek Revival rancho built around 1875 by Jesús María Gutiérrez and renovated by Dr. Ward Alan Minge and his wife Shirley Jolly Minge, additional adobe rooms designed and hand built by the Minges around a traditional eighteenth, recreated mid- to late nineteenth-century corral surrounding a historic barn and cabins moved to the property by the Minges and a heritage field to the north of the rancho, protected from development by a conservation easement.

# **Support Feed New Mexico Kids Inc.**

# Enjoy a day of old school fun at the 66 Diner! Cruisin' For Kids: 66 Diner & Car Show Fundraiser

Where: 66 Diner-1405 Central Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Date: Saturday, September

Questions: Phone (505) 252-4341

Time: 12:00 noon -4:00PM

Enjoy: Classic car show and raffle to benefit Feed New Mexico Kids Inc.

Food Type: Authentic 50s food from the 66 Diner..

Benefit: 20% of all food purchases on Sept 16th will go to support Feed New Mexico

Kids Inc. and our mission to end childhood food insecurity in New Mexico!

Activities: 91.5 FM Family Life Radio will be there with music and a tent, games &

prizes to celebrate and will emcee the event! Invite: your family and friends and be sure to

Updates: follow @feednmkids\_official on Instagram for updates.



### Coming Events

# Pajarito Club BBQ

Date: Saturday October 21

Time: Noon to 3 PM

Host: Trae and Yvonne Wood

Location: 2304 Dietz Place NW Albuquerque

Cost: Free





# **Care-Net Laugh for Life Dinner Event**

Date: Friday October 27

Time: 4:30 to 7 PM

**Host: Care-Net Pregnancy Centers** 

Location: Legacy Church 4701 Wyoming Blvd NE

Cost: Free

Situation: We have volunteered our Thunderbirds at the opening of this fundraising dinner as an encouragement. Care-Net is a regional group that helps young pregnant couples care for their new-borns, especially unplanned pregnancies. Care-Net provides no cost ultrasound baby pictures of the unborn, parenting classes, clothing, diapers, and other support. They have six centers in the Greater Albuquerque area.





# Pajarito Christmas Luncheon – Save the date!

Just confirmed the Christmas Party Luncheon will be held at the Prairie Star Restaurant at the Santa Ana Pueblo. It will feature a huge Holiday Buffet, **Sunday, December 17th**, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Cost and specific menu details soon.





## **North Domingo Car Show and Live Music**

Location: North Domingo Baca Center at
Wyoming and Paseo del Norte
May to October on First Thursday each month
4 to 8 PM in Parking Lot



# Trae's Type E update:

But, can he find the needed oil pan bolts?



Other

# Take the Politics Out of CTCI (vote)

CTCI members will be asked to vote for three By-law changes in October at the same time as the Board of Directors election. I urge you to read these suggested changes carefully, as the intent of these changes will give more power to the Board of Directors and take away powers from the members, taking away more rights from the membership.

From: Several Newsletter Editors.

Coming Events - Other

# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convertible Cars Cruise to the Crest.

Date: September 23

Time: 10 AM

Starting Place: Smith's at Tramway and Central

Cost: Free since this event is on National Public Lands Day

Sponsor: Mike at 505-228-3346

Route: Cruise up Old Route 66 to North 14, then up the road to the Crest.



# **Pajarito Officers Needed**

As we end the year, we will have an election for the 2024 selection of officers for the Pajarito Thunderbird Club. If you are interested in serving, (and you have no Felony warrants...) please drop a note to Trae at <a href="mailto:Trae wood@genpt.com">Trae wood@genpt.com</a> indicating your interest.

# **New Pajarito Flier Available!**

If you have had a discussion with someone and would like to share more information about The Pajarito Thunderbird Club, the following two pages can be printed separately as a flier about the club. Thanks to Ray Wood.



# Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico

Founded in 1967 by several local Ford enthusiasts and dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the 1955 thru 2005 Ford Thunderbird

Check us out online at pajarito.club or connect with our group on Facebook at "Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico"

We also meet every Thursday for breakfast at 7:00am at Hello Deli at the Journal Marketplace 7600 Jefferson St. NE



# Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico

We welcome all local Ford Thunderbird enthusiasts who would like to meet other proud owners in maintaining and displaying these American Classics.

Please contact us by filling-out the info below and mail it to:

Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico PO Box 93026 Albuquerque, NM 87199

Name:		_
Address:		
Phone No		_
Thunderbird, Year;	Color;	_

### PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB OFFCERS MEETING

August 26th, 2023 - Meeting Minutes

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

Trae Wood (President), Dennis Potter (Vice President), Ray Wood (Treasurer/Trustee), Craig Sowers (Sectretary/CTCI Rep.), Lloyd Powell (Newsletter), Gary Burns (member), and Dodger (mascot).

#### 2 – REVIEW LAST MEETING MINUTES:

2.1 Copy of May 27th,2023 Meeting Minutes Provided to The Officers for Review - APPROVED

#### 3 - REVIEW CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

- 3.1 Ray Wood reported that the PC membership roster is constantly being updated and that;
  - \* Two (1) member (Bill Verant) sold his 1956 T-Birds recently.
  - \* Three (3) new members (Mario Archuleta, John Baca, & Eric Pinon) joined recently.
  - \* One (1) potential new member (Margie Delgado) recently purchased Bill Verant's 1956 Thunderbird
  - \* Thirty (32) 2023 PC member dues have been received as of August 25th, (57 individuals and 37 T-Birds).

#### 4 - REVIEW CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS:

- 4.1 2022 Christmas Party: \$2,056 (Expenses) \$1,274 (Receipts) = \$782 (PC Contribution).
- 4.2 2022 Ending BOTW Account Balance: \$557.96 (Checking) and \$2,391.47 (Savings) \$2,949.43 Total.
- 4.3 2023 Income: \$1,440.00 2023 Expenses: \$245.66 (USPOB Annual Fee + Party Decorations + Misc Expenses).
- 4.4 2023 Membership Dues: \$740 (\$250 Recv'd in 2022) 32 Member Dues Recv'd as of 8/25/23.
- 4.5 2023 Current BOTW Act. Balance: \$500..00 (Checking) and \$3,413.94 (Savings) \$3,913.94 Total as of 8/25/23.

#### **5 – OLD ISSUES/BUSINESS:**

5.1 Unpaid Membership Dues:

Action 1) Members who have not paid their 2023 dues will remain in our database unless asked to delete.

- 2) Members who have not paid their 2023 dues may continue to receive our newsletters.
- 3) Deceased, widowed or seriously ill members will be given "Honorary Status" (exempt from dues).
- 4) Action: VRW to update database to reflect previous action items. DONE
- 5) FFR: Pat Murphy and Phil Lovato, are the only 2022 members, shown as unpaid on our 2023 Roster.

#### 6 - NEW ISSUES/BUSINESS:

#### 6.1 - 2023 Pajarito Thunderbird Club Officers:

Trae Wood (President/CTCI Region 6 Director), Dennis Potter (Vice President), Ray Wood (Treasurer/Trustee), Ed Sauer (Director), Lloyd Powell (Newsletter), Nick Lester (Website), Craig Sowers (Secretary/CTCI Rep.)

- 1) Action: Vote to continue with current officers. Approved
- 2) Action: Ask for volunteers to serve as 2024 Pajarito Club officers in next nesletter.

#### 6.2 - 2023 Calling Committees:

Current Calling Committee Members: Sherry Jobe, Gary Burns, Dennis Potter, and Linda Wood Action 1) Ask current members to continue in 2023. Action: **Agreed** 

- 2) Ask the calling committees to remind members on their lists to pay their 2023 dues if they want to be included in club sponsored activities or we will cease calling them. Action: **Agreed**
- 3) Action: CC to remind members of the Coralles Church Tour and Luncheon on Saturday, Sept 16th.

#### PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB OFFCERS MEETING

August 26th, 2023 - Meeting Minutes, Cont'd;

#### 6.3 - CTCI Region 6 News:

- 1) Trae Wood is the 2023 CTCI Region 6 Director and has recently been on several CTCI zoom calls.
- 2) Trae reported that recent CTCI Board meetings dealt mainly with finances and membership issues, eg;
  - \* CTCI's increasing expenses, declining earnings, and mediocre investment performance.
  - \* CTCI's aging members, declining membership, and unwillingness by chapters to host conventions.
  - \* CTCI is planning a major new membership campaign in 2023.
  - \* Trae reported that much energy has been spent discussing these issues with very little consensus.
- 3) CTCI is proposing a bylaw change to offer CTCI membership to Retro Bird owners.
- 4) CTCI has asked our club to donate funds to the 2023 Regional Convention; PCO's agreed to send \$300 ASAP
- 5) Action: Ray Wood to send \$300 to CTCI ASAP DONE 6/5/23
- 6) CTCI members have voted to extended membership to Retro Bird owners, ie; "all two seat Thunderbirds"
- 7) CTCI sent membership promotional materials for our members to distribute Materials distributed at PCOM

#### 6.4 - CTCI Annual Chapter Report:

Action 1) Ray Wood to update once all stats are finalized.

2) Action: Ray to submit the PC 2023 Annual Report to CTCI (Sharon Bosley) - DONE April 11th, 2023.

#### 6.5 - Review 2022 Pajarito Club Activities Calendar:

JANUARY 21st: Trae Wood - Pajarito Club Officer's Meeting at Trae's Garage - DONE

FEBRUARY 18th: Ray and Linda Wood - Valentine's Luncheon at Hello Deli - DONE

MARCH 18th: Ed Sauer - Rich Ford Car Show & PC Officer's Meeting - DONE

APRIL 15th: Mary Jo Windes Memorial Service - DONE

MAY 21st: Phil Lovato - NMCCA Car Show, at ABQ Museum, Old Town - DONE

MAY 21st: Lloyd Powell - National Thunderbird Appreciation Day at NMCCA Car Show - DONE

MAY 27th: PC Officer's Meeting at Trae's Garage - DONE

JUNE 3rd: Glen Schoenbach - Corrales Tractor and Car Show - DONE

JULY 15th: Gary Burns - El Churito Luncheon & Cruise Central & Route 66 Visitor Center - DONE

AUGUST 12th: Ed Sauer, Car Show and Luncheon at Rich Ford in Edgewood - DONE

SEPTEMBER 16th: Craig Sowers - Casa San Ysidro Tour and Luncheon at Wagner Farms Café (meet at 10:30 am).

OCTOBER 21st: Trae and Yvonne BBQ at their home, 2304 Dietz Pl. NW (12 noon - ~3 pm).

NOVEMBER 18th: Ray Wood; Luncheon at the Range Café in Bernallio (11:00 am - 1 PM)

DECEMBER 16th: Ray and Linda Wood - Christmas Luncheon at Praire Star (12:00 Noon - 3pm).

<u>Note</u>: Several other Non-Pajarito Club Activities and Car Shows are listed in our newsletter, please support these if possible. Also, let Lloyd know of any auto-related activities of interest for inclusion in the newsletter.

#### 6.7 - Pajarito Thunderbird Club Membership Issues:

- 1) Action: Purge PC Membership Roster of non-participants. DONE
- 2) Action: Include PC logo and CTCI Membership Forms in Ford Websites. ??
- 3) Action: Include PC and CTCI Membership Forms in Newsletter, Website, & fb page. IN PROCESS
- 4) Action: We need a Pajarito Club Flyer for distribution to potential new members . AGREED
- 5) Action: Ray Wood to draft a PC Flyer for review by the PCOs. Review Draft Provided 8/26/23
- 6) Action: Distribute CTCI and PC flyers to PCOs and interested members to distribute. DONE
- 7) Action: New 2023 Pajarito Club members to be exempt from 2024 dues. AGREED
- DEED

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8) Action: Reduce 2024 club dues to \$15.00 per member/family (due to CTCI dues increase). AGREED

### **Technical Support**

# The Start of 1955 Thunderbirds

By David Tulowitzky





Some time ago a CTCI member brought to my attention an article in a national publication concerning the restoration of an early 1955 Thunderbird. In the article, the owner stated that his car with the VIN number of 100075 was one of the first ten Thunderbirds produced. The owner arrived at this figure because he was told that one out of seven Fords coming off the assembly line was a Thunderbird. Since I have heard comments like this in the past, I thought I'd try to explain the early stages of the 1955 Thunderbird production. The 1955 Thunderbirds were built at the Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Michigan. Production of the Thunderbirds began on September 9, 1954 with serial numbers running in numerical order starting with 100005. Thunderbirds with VIN numbers 100001, 100002, 100003, and 100004 were built prior to the September 9 start-up date. The first three were prototypes used for publicity and are believed to have been destroyed by Ford Motor Company. The Thunderbird with VIN number 100004 was sold and was last known to be in Pennsylvania (see cover of May/June 1974 Early Bird). When production of the 1955 Thunderbird began on September 9, 1954, they were the only vehicles being built at the Rouge Plant until October 25 when the Ford passenger car production began. Therefore, starting with VIN number 100005, all of the very early Thunderbirds were in numerical order. The numbers were not intermixed with the passenger cars until October 25, 1954. This puts between 900-1,000 Thunderbirds with serial numbers in sequence before passenger car production began. It is hard to pinpoint the last Thunderbird built before the numbers were intermixed with the passenger cars because of the confusion with the date codes verses serial numbers. On many occasions the actual day of production was earlier or later than the scheduled build date stamped on the data plate so the dates are not always in order with the serial numbers. However, there are usually no more than 6-10 days out of sequence at any given time. My records show a handful of Thunderbirds in the 100400 range that had a data plate date stamped later than October 25 while they were actually built as early as October 12. If we could determine the VIN number of the first 1955 passenger car built at the Rouge Plant, it would solve the mystery of the last consecutive Thunderbird built before intermixing numbers.





### Technical Support

# What's In Your Toolbox?

BY Jim Mcgowan - Hemmings

Ever since the first humanoid, still wet behind the ears with primordial ooze, realized he needed something to cut, scrape, stab, or whatever, tools have been around. From rock to bronze to steel, a tool is a tool, and we still need 'em today — perhaps more than ever. Plus, for a car person, tools are like jewelry — that's why we keep them in a box. Tools develop in lockstep with



social and mechanical evolution. As new products are released to the market, new tools are required to fix them. It's a natural progression. Wagons evolved into the automobile, and wagon tools worked nicely to repair them both at first. As the automobile became more sophisticated, more sophisticated tools were invented. It's sort of like Thomas Edison's approach: After he invented the light bulb, he assisted in founding a whole industry that manufactured tools and appliances that required electricity in the house. Self-sustaining genius. Today's tool imagineers never cease to amaze me. This is the age of enlightenment when it comes to tool technology: It

seems we can't ever have enough.

I don't need high-buck stuff; I've survived nicely for many years using regular-guy tools. My father used regular-guy tools also, and I inherited a lot of miscellaneous old tools from him: Lots of wrenches and sockets with names of companies no longer on the planet. Surprisingly, I have found a use for almost all of these antiques at one time or another over the last 40-plus years. Old tools are as good as new tools, as long as they do the job. I have a friend who really loves old tools, and he hits garage sales and swap meets every weekend looking for them. He has a collection of musty-smelling wood and metal boxes used by long gone mechanics, and fills them with rusty, well-used tools. He tells me that these strong

"senior" tools are made from "real American" steel — not the breakable stuff available today. He must know what he's talking about, as I have broken several modern tools working on my cars; my old stuff is almost indestructible. In the old days, we would take a perfectly good tool — say, an open-end wrench — and modify it to do what we needed. Grind it, cut it, heat and bend it — we didn't care. I still have a couple of ground-down open-ends that wouldn't fit where required and needed massaging to get the job done — header bolts come to mind. Today's combination tools are really handy. I spotted several of these wrenches during my last search. Open-end and ratchet combo, ratchet at both ends, both with straight or curved handles. I bought a set of the curved handles with different size ratchets on each end. I also found a set of bolt extractors. We've all run afoul of the dreaded "rounded off" bolt head during the removal process. Drilling or using an "easyout" was usually the only solution. Now they have a set of handy sockets that lock on the rounded head, dig into the metal, and grip firmly enough to remove the bolt.



### What's In Your Toolbox? - Continued

Another tool I really like is a long-handle ratchet with moveable head. You can get at all kinds of angles in all kinds of places with this tool and have some purchase because of the length of the handle. Our accumulation of tools resulted in the invention of something to carry them in: Toolboxes. Naturally, toolboxes had to evolve just like the tools in them, passing from wood to metal to huge rollaround megaliths with a hundred drawers and brand-name logos. Some of these highrise tool sheds really need an engine and steering wheel — they cost as much as a small car! This leads to another facet of tools: tool snobs. These are the folks who have to keep up with the latest, hottest, chrome-iest, weirdest tools on the market for bragging rights, even if they never use them. Today's toolmakers have capitalized on this by marketing a professional quality or mechanics-only line with special logos and ID for this type of consumer. When you look at the hands on these guys, something is usually missing: scars! Personally, I kind a prefer a collection of scars, a little rust, and a lifetime guarantee. That type of monster roll-around box has also become a status symbol with the tool snob community. These things would take up a major chunk of space in a normal tool-guy's garage. I'd rather fill the space with a car than a show-quality toolbox. My little top and bottom roller works just fine, and tucks into a corner when I don't need it. Tools are the stuff that makes working on our cars possible, and enjoyable, provided you have the right tool for the job. Lately, I've been picking up some old garage-sale/swap-meet discards myself. I often wonder who used these relics, and when. Then I wonder if someday all the stuff in my toolbox will wind up on somebody else's driveway, considered by the seller too old to be of any use. Only people like us will really know the answer.

### **MURPHY'S OTHER 15 LAWS**

- 1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- 2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- 3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- 4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
- 5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- 6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
- 7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- 8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- 9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
- 10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- 11. The things that come to those who wait, may be the things left by those who got there first.
- 12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
- 13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
- 14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
- 15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people, who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

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# **Sales and Needs:**

# 1955- 1957 T-Bird Original Parts For Sale

- 1955- 1957 hoods (2)
- 1957 right and left doors with power windows
- 1957 deck lid
- 1957 front bumper
- 1955- 1957 fender skirts
- 1957 right and left tail lights and bezzles
- 1955- 1957 grilles (3)
- 1955- 1957 Town and Country radio
- 1955- 1957 AM/ FM radio??
- 1955- 1957 right and left headlamps and bezzles
- 1955- 1957 Outside and inside windshield chrome moldings
- 1955- 1957 Misc. small interior door and dash trim
- 1955- 1957 Misc. small parts (See Photos)
- 1955- 1957 Air Cleaner Assembly
- 1955- 1957 Misc. small parts (See Photos)





\$3,000 for all parts; shipping not included. Parts in So California Call Frank (818) 535-6634







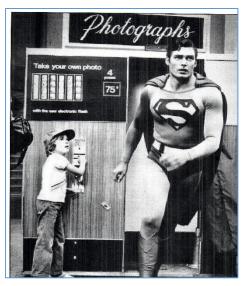






### Do You Remember?

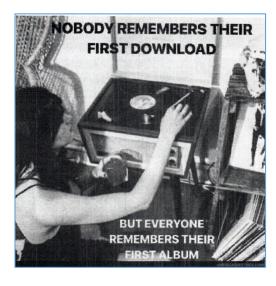


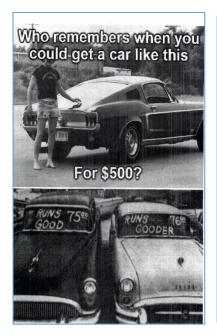
















My wife just stopped and said, "You weren't even listening, were you?

I thought to myself...
"That's a pretty strange
way to start off a
conversation."





Me: "I'm still tired from all the crossfit this morning."

My co-worker: "It's pronounced 'croissant' and you ate 4 of them."

Once you understand
why the pizza is made
round,
Packed in a square
box,
And eaten as a
triangle..
Then you will
understand women

A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 & 6. He seemed irritated when I answered: "Kindergarten"

Never seen anyone jogging and smiling, so that's all I need to know about that. It's my wife's
birthday tomorrow,
she's been leaving
jewellery
catalogues all over
the house, so I've
bought her a
magazine rack

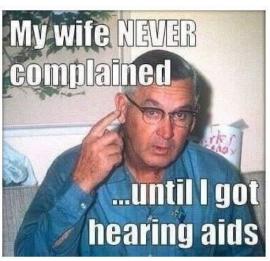
We've been friends for so long, I can't remember which one of us is the bad influence.

She said she missed me..

Normally that would be good, but she was reloading.....

























### Honor:









How Hot has it been?













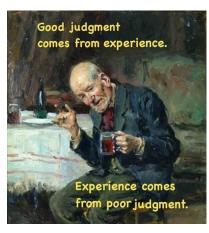




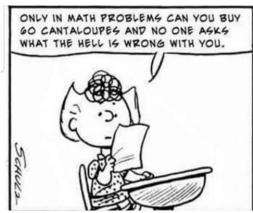










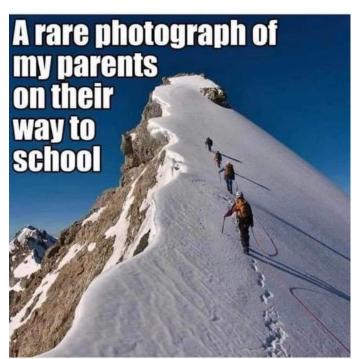






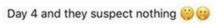
















A moment of tension in Vatican. If the bishop moves forward the queen can take him.









**DID YOU KNOW?** 

THERE IS A ROAD IN FRANCE THAT CAN ONLY BE USED TWICE A DAY, FOR A FEW HOURS.THEN IT DISAPPEARS UNDER 13 FEET OF WATER.



The firefighter was asked why he

laughed while saving this old





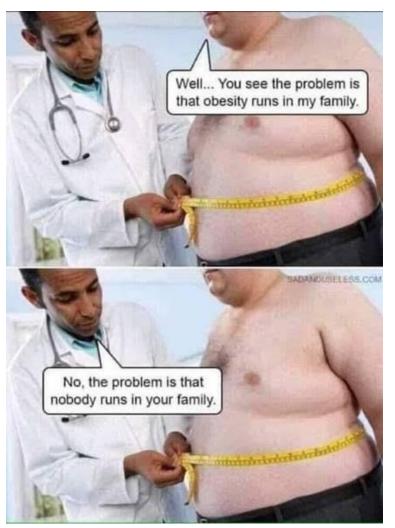
I'm always surprised when heavily tattooed couples have a baby and it comes out blank.

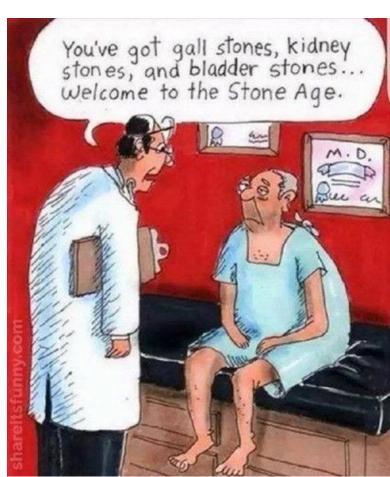


Wow, I think you went too far with the plastic surgery!









Since I bought this toy for my dog... no more salesmen, break-ins, or friends popping in unannonced. Just peace & quiet.



### My apologies:

I am sorry that there are so many pages of cartoons BUT the problem is that it is Pajarito members who send them to me!

**Newsletter Editor**