

Pajarito Post

Coming Events

Pajarito T-Bird Club February Luncheon



Mario's Pizzeria & Ristorante

7501 Paseo Del Norte NE

Albuquerque, NM 87113 (Enter from Wyoming and Holly on the North)

Saturday February 10th, 2024 11:30am – ~1:00pm

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Coming Events

Feed NM Kids car Show and Lunch

Date: Saturday, March 23 Location: 2501 Aztec Rd NE Albuquerque Meals: Lunch provided Host: Phil Lovato Questions: Call 505-345-5865

or email: fordman56@centurylink.net













Pres Says:



February 2024

Greetings

We had a great officers meeting on 1/27/2024 and we were able to plan out most of our events for this year. Lloyd will publish the list in the newsletter, several of the dates are still TBD at this point. Thanks to everyone that volunteered to host or set up and event, we really appreciate it!

Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his Shadow this week so that means car show season starts early this year, see you there!

IRAE WOOD

Stay safe – see you soon!! Last Reminder

Dues for 2023 will be \$15.00 each and can be sent to:

Pajarito Thunderbird Club PO Box 93026 Albuquerque NM 87199

Upcoming events:

Every Thursday: 7:30 AM Breakfast at Hello Deli

Feb 10 Luncheon at Marios Pizza on Del Norte

Officers Meeting – TBD



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



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2024 Pajarito Membership

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_	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 Clu	ub 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 \$15.00. Pajarito Thunderbird Club members receive monthly newsletters, sent to the Email address 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 form with the requested information and enclosed check and mail to:

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Recent Pajarito Events 2024 Pajarito Thunderbird Club Officer's Meeting

The Pajarito Thunderbird Club Officer's meet at Trae Wood's garage on January 20th. The 2023 officer's all agreed to continue into 2024 due to lack of additional volunteers to fill any of the positions. Gary Burns agreed to assume Ed Sauer's position as director for 2024. The main order of business was planning this year's monthly activities (listing included). The officers also reviewed the club's financial status. Following the Christmas Luncheon expenses and receipt of 2024 membership dues; the club has \$1,124.21 in checking and \$ 1,474.07 in savings. Twenty-four (24) 2024 membership dues have been received and fourteen (14) 2023 members have not renewed yet. All financial details may be provided upon request to Ray Wood. Following the meeting the group proceeded to help Trae diagnose the fuel problems on his '57.







Recent Pajarito Events Recent attempts to fix Trae's T-bird







Following the January Pajarito Board Meeting, several folks including Fred Lachenmeyer and Gary Bruns attempted to raise Trae's blood pressure to astronomical heights. The alleged goal was to start up a rebuilt fuel pump but the real goal was 200/95. When most of us left there was fuel everywhere except the manifold intake...

Updated Links for the Pajarito Club Website

2023 Pajarito Club Activities:	2022 Pajarito Club Activities:
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TBIRD Trivia:	T-BIRD Clebs:
https://goo.gl/photos/Ge4ycZSFsFfp8ZuW7	<u>https://goo.gl/photos/uUhCFTwHBBoobphD9</u>
2022 CTCI Convention:	Vanity Plates
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Proposed Pajarito Planning Calendar

Month/Date	Activity	Responsible
10-Feb	Valentine's Luncheon	Ray Wood
March	Rich Ford Car Show	Ed Sauer
March	Pajarito Board Meeting	Trae Wood
April	Lunch and Garage Tour	Bill Jackson
May	NMCCA Car Show at ABQ Museum	Phil Lovato
May	National Thunderbird Appreciation Day	Lloyd Powell
June	Corrales Tractor and Car Show	Glen Schoenbach
July	El Churito Luncheon and Cruise Rt 66 Center	Gary Burns
August	Rich Ford Edgewood Car Show and Luncheon	Ed Sauer
September	Poswer Ford Car Show	Craig Sowers
October	BBQ at Trae Wood's	Trae Wood
November		Ray Wood
December	Christmas Luncheon	Ray Wood

Please send any comments, suggestions or proposals to Ray Wood at vrwood@comcast.net



Tech Tips Clean Hands, Pristine Cars: Removing Oil and Grease After Car Work

From Brian Holm

Working on a classic car is a labor of love, but the aftermath can leave your hands coated in stubborn oil and grease. Fear not, as

we unveil the best practices for getting your hands clean and pristine after a satisfying day of tinkering with your vintage vehicle.

Prevention is Key: Before you dive into the grease-laden realm of classic car maintenance, consider preventative measures. Wearing nitrile or latex gloves creates a protective barrier, minimizing direct contact with oil and grease. This simple step not only keeps your hands cleaner but also makes the cleanup process much easier.

Use an Effective Hand Cleaner: Invest in a high-quality hand cleaner specifically designed for tackling oil and grease. Look for products that contain natural scrubbing agents like pumice or walnut shells. These additives help break down stubborn grime while being gentle on your skin. A good hand cleaner should emulsify the oils, allowing them to be easily rinsed away.

Waterless Hand Cleaning Solutions: Water may not always be readily available, especially when you're on the go or working in your garage. Waterless hand cleaning solutions come to the rescue. These products, available in gel or wipe forms, are designed to remove grease without the need for water. They are convenient, effective, and a must-have in any classic car enthusiast's toolkit.

Citrus-based Cleaners: Nature's own degreaser – citrus – can be a powerful ally in your battle against oily residues. Citrus-based hand cleaners use natural citrus extracts to break down and lift grease from your skin. They not only leave your hands smelling fresh but also contribute to a more environmentally friendly cleaning process.

Baking Soda and Dish Soap: Or concoct a mixture of baking soda and dish soap. Baking soda acts as a gentle abrasive, aiding in scrubbing away grease, while dish soap cuts through the oils. Mix the two into a paste and rub it onto your hands. Rinse with warm water and you'll be amazed.

Oil-Removing Wipes: Pre-moistened wipes are infused with cleaning agents that dissolve oil and grease. Keep a pack in your toolbox or car for quick, on-the-go hand cleaning without water.

After cleaning your hands, use a good quality hand moisturizer to replenish lost moisture. Use products with aloe vera or shea butter. Maintaining your classic car doesn't have to leave your hands feeling like they've been through a mechanic's obstacle course. By incorporating these tips and products into your routine, you can ensure that your hands stay clean and well-cared for, allowing you to enjoy the pleasures of classic car restoration without worrying about the aftermath. Happy wrenching!

Dirty hands are a sign of clean money. P









Tech Tips Thunderbird Serial Numbers Decoded De Devid Televitelee

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.

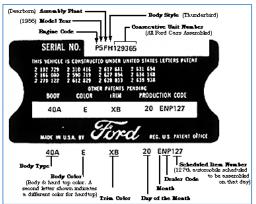
The 1955 Thunderbirds were built at the Rouge Plant in Dearborn, Michigan. Production of the Thunderbirds began on September 9, 1954 with serial numbers running in numerical order starting with 100005. Thunderbirds with VIN numbers 100001, 100002, 100003, and 100004 were built prior to the September 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 the numbers.

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Thunderbird Related History Thunderbird in Cinema

The Ford Thunderbird has become one of the pioneers of America's personal luxury car market. The "Littlebird" appeared in movies, television shows, and even on a U.S. postage stamp. In 1973, a new comedy film, American Graffiti, appeared in movie theaters.

The film was directed and co-written by George Lucas and featured a 1956 Thunderbird driven by late co-star Suzanne Somers. The Thunderbird used in the movie was originally purchased by Clay Daily and his wife in 1964 on a used car lot in San Bernardino, CA. The car had been painted red and showed 55,000 miles on the odometer. The Dailys painted the car back to the original color white after moving to Petaluma, CA. In 1972, when Clay's wife had parked the car in downtown Petaluma, she found a note on the windshield asking if she would allow the car to be used in a new movie.

She thought the note was a joke but called the number anyway. To her surprise, it was Lucas Films that wanted to use the car! She and her husband agreed, and the T-Bird appeared in the movie with all the night shots done in downtown Petaluma so the couple could be there to watch the movie being made.

When Chevrolet brought its first two-seat Corvette to the New York Auto Show in 1953, no one could imagine that it would inspire Ford to punch back and deliver one of the most important nameplates in automotive history: the "Littlebird" that soared – the immortal Ford Thunderbird.





Thunderbird Sales Items NEEDS

Need: Looking for complete In Dash Heater Control unit for '56 T-Bird. Contact: Marian Herbst 817-705-5925

WANTED: I am looking for engine for 66 Thunderbird (390 engine)...prefer to buy a used engine with good condition or rebuilt one. Contact Ken Park, Jongmae@att.net (714)801-6421 cell

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 marian.herbst@yahoo.com

Two new rearmost tailpipe hangers for a '56 Contact Bob Soltysik available for \$10 each. 214.385.7714 <u>b.soltysik@yahoo.com</u>

Front Disc Brake Conversion Kit from Master Power Brakes. Does NOT include dual master cylinder, ronstopable1@yahoo.com Proportional valve or additional lines Contact Ron Kopriva 817-707-6927 Original cost: \$1255.00 Asking \$1000.00

Brooklin T-Bird Models for sale: 1957 Bronze Birdnest \$95, 1957 Gun Metal Gray Birdnest \$95, 1957 Battlebird \$120, 1956 Red (no box) \$75, 1992 CTCI Set \$125, 1994 CTCI Set \$200. Contact John Dendy 972-258-0190 or dendy.prestonpub@verizon.net

FOR SALE: Thunderbird tools, etc. \$40 -57 sunburst hubcap \$10 -1, 57 312 exhaust pipe unused, manifold to exhaust inlet \$10-Thunderbird protective work mat \$30-Holley carb, stock \$40-Intake manifold, 312 4 bbl. \$100-engine hoist \$50-Engine Block stand \$10-Generator, 57 Ford \$10-timing light \$240-all items together. Contact: Ken Brewer 512-618-1434

FOR SALE: 1957 Thunderbird. There has been extensive work done on the car shown below, and it has won award(s) from several classic car shows in which it has been entered. Contact Chris Leonard (512) 773-4448 or email at <u>cleonard5@gmail.com</u> for more information.



Pajarito Humor

I put our scale in the bathroom corner & that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

When I was a kid, I used to watch the 'Wizard of Oz' & wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook.

Do you ever get up in the morning, look in the mirror & think, "That can't be accurate!"

I want to be 14 again & ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

Apparently RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation with "Maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

I just burned 1,200 calories. I forgot the pizza in the oven.

Who knew that the hardest thing of being an adult is figuring out what to fix for dinner and doing it every single night for the rest of your life until you die?

I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart, when they've never even seen one of his paintings.

Never trust an electrician with no eye brows.

So my neighbor knocked on my front door at 3 am. 3AM!!! Luckily I was already up playing my bagpipes.

Instead of cleaning my house, I just watch an episode of "The Hoarders," and think, "Wow! My house looks great."

To get rid of unwanted junk during the holidays ...

Put it in an Amazon box and leave it on the porch. Troubled Parent Posted... THIS MORNING MY KID SAID THEIR EAR HURT AND I SAID ON THE INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, SO THEY WALKED OUT THE FRONT DOOR, CAME BACK IN & SAID BOTH. MOMENTS LIKE THIS GOT ME WONDERING IF I'M SAVING TOO MUCH FOR COLLEGE.. Beware of a new Amazon scam. My husband ordered me some expensive jewelry, but motorcycle parts came instead. Thankfully they fit his bike... HOME SCHOOLED in many ways. See below - in our parents own words!

16. **My mother taught me about ENVY**. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do"

17. **My mother taught me about RECEIVING**. "You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE."If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. **My mother taught me ESP**."Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?

20. **My father taught me HUMOUR.** "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up"

22. **My mother taught me GENETICS**. "You're just like your father."

23. **My mother taught me about my ROOTS**. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. **My mother taught me WISDOM**. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand.

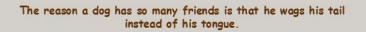
25. **My father taught me about JUSTICE**. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

Legendary Grave Markers



Pouch Insights

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. Ann Landers

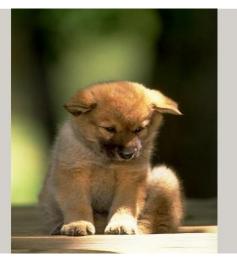






The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

- Andy Rooney







One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why.

~Author Unknown

The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog. ${\rm \sim}Ambrose$ Bierce



More Pouch Insights

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! Anne Tyler





If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven - and very, very few persons. James Thurber

Properly trained, a Man can be Dog's best friend.

~Corey Ford

when u leave ur dog w/ grandparents



More Pajarito Humor



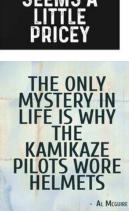
Mother-in-law came for dinner and said, "Why does the dog keep looking at me?" I said, "Because you're using his plate!"









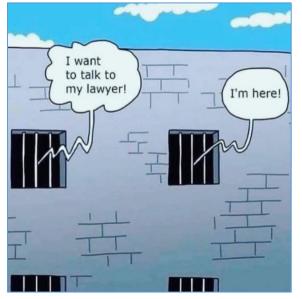


Car made in China, bike made in Germany!



When older people say, "Enjoy them while they are young." They are talking about your knees and hips not your kids. Page 16

Even More Pajarito Humor



When I was young I was scared of the dark. Now when I see my electric bill I am scared of the lights.

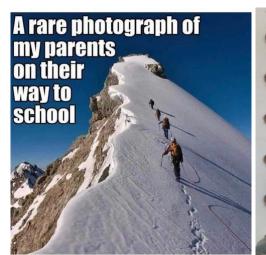


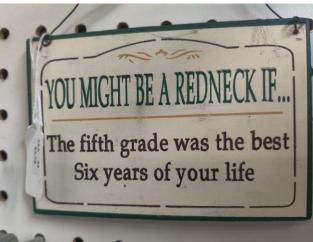
I KNOW HOW IT'S GONNA END FOR ME Restaurant bills are designed to be paid by men, that is why it is called men-u This is when you tell me WE NEED You're wrong, it's ONE OF MY KIDS WILL MORE MILL actually me-n-u UNPLUG MY LIFE SUPPORT NOT HERE !! FO CHARGE THEIR IPAD FIXEL FINHL YOU'VE GOT THE WHOLE PLANE TO YOURSELF! THE LARGE GROUP GOING TO THE PSYCHIC CONVENTION Would you like to have THAT ANNOYING NOISE OK, but no children one day? longer than that ALL CANCELED AT THE LAST MOMENT! IN MY CAR, THEDDUR

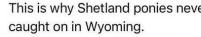
THEY SAY 40 IS THE NEW 30 AND 50 IS THE NEW 40, BUT ALL I KNOW IS THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE 9PM IS THE NEW MIDNIGHT. Be grateful that no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

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Even More Pajarito Humor











WOMAN: Shampoo for dry and damaged hair.

MAN: 6 in 1 shampoo for hair, face, body, carpet, car and dishes.

The official sports drink when I was a kid..



YOU KNOW WHEN YOU BUY A BAG OF SALAD & IT GETS ALL BROWN & SOGGY?

COOKIES DON'T DO THAT



I don't know if Facebook has ever caused the lame to walk but it has sure caused the dumb to speak.



They Can Use Any One Of These SOMETIMES YOU MEET SOMEONE AND YOU KNOW FROM THE FIRST MOMENT THAT YOU WANT TO SPEND YOUR WHOLE LIFE WITHOUT THEM.



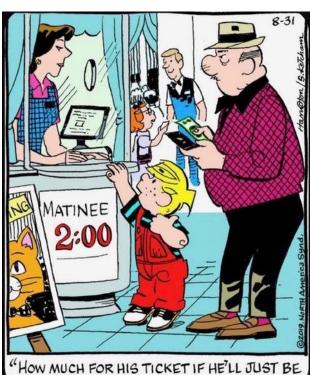
If you keep your Tupperware like this don't bother inviting me over, psycho



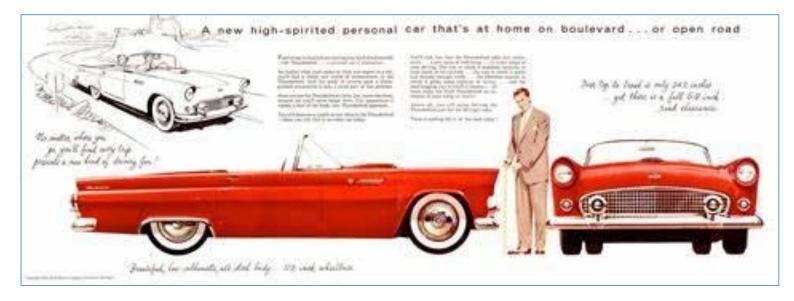


Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from Home Depot who installed them. The man complained that the work had been completed a year ago, and I still hadn't paid for them. HHHelloo.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year. Hellooooo, it's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot!!!





SLEEPIN' THROUGH THE WHOLE MOVIE ?"



Believe it?

This Jaguar **Engine Table** sold for \$4700



Some final fun...

1. Hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.

2. I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes... so she hugged me.

3. My wife says I only have 2 faults. I don't listen and something else....

6. I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing, retraced my steps, got lost on the way back, now I have no idea what's going on.

8. Day 12 without chocolate...lost hearing in my left eye.

9. Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.

10. The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone."

- 12. Oops.... did I roll my eyes out loud?
- 13. Life is too short to waste time matching socks.
- 14. Wi-fi went down for five minutes, so I had to talk to my family. They seem like nice people.
- 15. If you see me talking to myself, just move along. I'm self-employed and having a staff meeting.
- 16. I won't be impressed with technology until I can download food.
- 17. Some people call me crazy. I prefer 'happy with a twist'.

18. My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffers from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it." Page 20