



SOONER NEWS



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From Our President:

We have had several events this month that has kept our Sooner Thunderbird Car Club busy. These events started on September 4th at Swadley's BBQ on Highway 66 in El Reno, OK. Five Sooner Thunderbird Car Club members met with five Thunderbirdnest members for lunch which was the beginning of a trip all the way to California and back for the Thunderbirdnest led by our members Paul & Rosetta Thomas of Tahlequah, OK. We all left lunch for Weatherford, OK and the Heartland of America Museum that everyone enjoyed which included many interesting areas to view such as early Dental and Doctor office equipment, early toys, school desks, early advertising signs, diners from the past, model t's, brass cars, and my favorite a black 1957 Ford Thunderbird; I understand that it is owned by a gentleman who at one time was the owner of Ford Dealership in Weatherford. We all had dinner that evening at Montana Mikes followed by a trip downtown Clinton to Carlos & Ann Newcomb's Restaurant for their wonderful pies, cakes, coffee and conversation. That evening the Thunderbirdnest group spent the night in Clinton before beginning their trip to California. You may view their many stops and pictures by going to Thunderbirdnest.com and go to upcoming events.

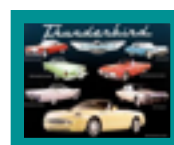


On September the 23rd we had our monthly Club meeting at Chequers Restaurant & Pub and were joined by the returning Thunderbird nest group returning for their last night on the trip and staying in Midwest City. This was a fun night visiting with everyone from several states hearing their stories about exciting adventures on their trip.

For our monthly drawing Anita Lee made a pretty necklace that was won by RaSonja Pruitt. Bill Green made a presentation to Liz Jones from Tennessee that her car had been in 48 states. There were several other cars in the group who had already received this award. We also all came home with a whole bunch of Sweet Baby Rays Gourmet sauce. It seems that the Thunderbirdnest group ran into the local representative from Sweet Baby Rays and she sent cases of sauce that was shared by all our members.

Again, thanks to all our members for helping make each event successful. Our next meeting will be at Saturday October 13th 1:00 pm China King 13220 N. Penn Ave.

-Terry





Celebrations & Announcements

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

19th - Arlan Smith

22 - Bill Lester

24 - Paul Thomas



Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest - *Larry Lorenzoni*

Next Meeting

**Saturday, October
13, 2018**

@ 1:00 p.m.



China King

13220 N Pennsylvania Ave
Oklahoma City, OK 73120



the MINUTES

The September meeting of the Sooner Thunderbird Car Club was held at Chequers Restaurant and Pub in Midwest City on September 23rd. We were pleased to have guests returning from their trip to California join us. Thirty-one members and guests were in attendance and everyone enjoyed the tales and stories told. Anita Lee supplied the door prize this month which was won by RaSonya Pruitt. The next meeting will be held at China King restaurant on October 13.





September Club Meeting

Welcome Back!



The September meeting of the Sooner Thunderbird Car Club had a few more people than normal as we welcomed back 5 T-Birds of friends and club members who had just returned from a two-week trip to California and back. Hosted by club members, Paul & Rosetta Thomas, the jaunt included many interesting stops along the way before concluding on Sunday night in Midwest City. We are looking forward to a full write-up and lots of pictures of your adventures in our next newsletter. (And what's this I hear about Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ sauce? Yum, Yum!)





I-Bird Tips

Fall Driving Safety Tips

Autumn is fraught with driving hazards, so know the risks and prepare

Fall driving can be unpredictable because of weather changes, the end of daylight saving time and the start of school. These guidelines can help keep you, and others, safe while on the road.

Watch out for kids. Early in the school year, youngsters often haven't developed the habit of looking for moving traffic before they cross the road leaving a school bus. It's illegal to motor past a stopped bus in most places. And buses are beginning to use cameras to catch people who do drive by when the "Stop" arms are extended and the lights are flashing. Older kids driving to and from school are a danger, and in danger, too. "Teen crashes spike in September as [kids] head back to school, and happen more often during hours when school begins and lets out," the National Safety Council reports.

Beware of darkness. It comes earlier anyway as the year ages, and that's accelerated when clocks most places in the U.S. shift back to standard time in early November. While just 25 percent of our driving is at night, 50 percent of traffic deaths occur then, according to the National Safety Council. Also, a 50-year-old driver might need twice as much light to see as well as a 30-year-old, NSC notes. And at 60 years and older, we generally see road signs less clearly, we have more trouble judging speed and distance, and glare begins to bother us more, according to the American Optometric Association.

Be critter conscious. You're 3.5 times more likely to hit an animal — especially a deer — in November than at any other time of the year, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety cautions. Deer are likely to be mating in November and that's why you see more of them, IIHS notes. About 1 of every 100 drivers will hit a deer during the driver's life behind the wheel, says animal-rights group PETA.

Consider dampness a threat. We think of big puddles as dangerous, and they are, because the front wheels can float, called hydroplaning, and you lose steering. But even before the puddles accumulate, rain — especially if it's the first in a while — can pool on the oil, grime and dust that are on all roads and make the pavement slick. It also can mix with fallen leaves that are abundant in the fall and create a slippery surface. Slowing your speed helps, and, if you're on a busy road, you can drive in the tracks of the cars ahead of you, where the road is driest.

Tend your tires. If they have sufficient tread, they perform better on rainy surfaces, and they stop faster and steer better on dry ones. Also, proper tire pressure helps keep you rolling smoothly and safely. When the weather cools as fall heads toward winter, tires typically lose pressure and can cause your car to handle poorly. If the tires are extremely low, that can contribute to a blowout. Correct pressure will be noted on a decal pasted on the driver's side door jamb or the door itself. The pressure that's noted on the tire itself is the maximum for that tire, and that could be wrong for your car.

Cope with glare. The blinding distraction of sun glare waxes as summer wanes. Sounds wrong, but it's logical, because the sun moves closer to the horizon — which keeps it pointed straight into your eyes, and makes it more likely to reflect at low angles off other cars, buildings and windows. Have your sunglasses handy. Don't look directly into the lights of oncoming traffic when you drive at night. And keep your windshield clear so dirt streaks don't contribute to the glare.



Did You Know?

Editor's Note: While perusing the internet looking for something interesting to put in our newsletter about Thunderbirds, I came across this story written by Keith McCord. It was posted on KSL.com, an online newspaper, on Feb. 11, 2007. Not certain about its validity, I did some research about it and found that it is one of the many stories attributed to the writing of the iconic Beach Boys song, "Fun, Fun, Fun". Whether it is the actual story or not, I thought it was worth printing. Personally, I'd like to believe it is the true story. (By the way, does anyone else besides me always picture a 55-57 Thunderbird when they hear this song?)

Beach Boys' Hit Inspired by a Utah Gal Having All the Fun

Keith McCord Reporting

Summertime and warm temperatures are still a few months away, and with all the rain and snow we've gotten the last day or two, we thought we'd try to warm you up a bit. A Salt Lake City woman was the inspiration behind the Beach Boys' famous song they wrote about her!

The music of the Beach Boys was about surfing, cars, and of course, girls! And one song in particular had the catchy line: "And she'll have Fun, Fun, Fun 'til her daddy takes the T-Bird away..." That song was one of their biggest hits in the 60s.

Turns out, it's a true story, and the woman having all that fun still lives in Utah!

The Beach Boys always had a special bond with Utah. Early in their career, they performed here several times a year. Back then, 1280 on the AM radio dial was the top music station everyone listened to, and the station's owner promoted the band often.

Shirley England: "They would come down to the radio station and be interviewed over the air, and I would always be there! (laughs)"

Shirley England's dad owned the station. She grew up at the studio and spent parts of her high school and college years working there. Oh, and dad had a T-Bird!

Shirley England: "What really happened? I did take my dad's car, and I was going to go to the library and ended up at a place called Shore's Drive In ... a hamburger shop on 33rd South and 27th East."

We thought it was only fitting that Shirley should be sitting in a '63 T-Bird, similar to her dad's, to tell us her story. Ardell Brown had one in his collection and kindly let Shirley drive it, too!

Turns out that Shirley's dad found out about her "cruising to the hamburger stand" and DID take the T-Bird away. The Beach Boys happened to be at the radio station the next day.

Shirley England: "So I was kind of complaining to the staff at the radio station that I was in a bit of trouble, and the Beach Boys heard it."

And, later, as the station general manager was driving the band back to the airport, they wrote the lyrics to "Fun, Fun, Fun" in the car! As you might expect, Shirley said the Beach Boys were her favorites--still are really.

Shirley England: "Oh it's my favorite!!! I told my husband, when I die, I want on my tombstone, 'She had Fun, Fun, Fun.'"

Shirley admitted that her dad took the T-Bird away SEVERAL TIMES! She says she's never owned a T-bird but hopes to someday!



Shirley England sitting in borrowed '63 T-bird for this interview.



Upcoming Car Shows

CLASSIC CAR SHOW



Oct 7th **OKC, OK** Doo-Wop Glam Shop will be holding it's 5th Annual Classic Car Show on October 7th from 12:00PM to 4:00PM. The event is centrally located in OKC at 5581 NW Expressway, Warr Acres, 73132. This year's proceeds will go to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation! Come out to enjoy live music by Blackwater Smoke, food trucks, and vendors. Registration is \$25 the day of the show. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. Position vehicles by 1:00PM; judging begins at 2:00PM. Awards and prizes announced at 3:00PM. Feel free to call or email the salon with any questions. (405) 728-2000, dooopglamshop@gmail.com



Oct 8th **Oklahoma City, OK**, Cool Autumn Nights Sponsored by Incredible Pizza at Incredible Pizza, 5833, Northwest Expwy, OKC 5833 Northwest Expwy
 Registration: 3pm-5pm Show hours:3pm-8pm Cost: \$20 early/on line; \$25 day of show Contact info: John Rigg, 405.208.0318; Showchair@okmustangclub.com Website: http://www.okmustangclub.com/event_calendar/car-show-can/
 Open to all types of cars and trucks. We will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies in each class, with over 50 classes! Winners will be determined by participant judging. Special awards giving by the sponsor too including Sponsor's Favorite, ABLE's Choice and OMC Choice! There will also be door prizes, 50/50 with our share going to our club's charity, along with music for all.

BODY WORX 2018

3rd Annual

CAR SHOW

- SPONSORS ARE:
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- ROMAS ITALIAN
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- GOODS BAKERY MILL
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- AMERICANEVERYONE

REGISTRATION 9-11
AWARDS 2:30

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9:00 - 3:00



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Comanche County Fairgrounds



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INDIVIDUAL CLASSES

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 Classic Muscle Trucks Up to 87 Modern Muscle Trucks 88 & Up
 Imports Special Interest Street Motorcycles

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Top 3 in Class Car Club Participation
 RE/MAX Choice Award Miracle Choice Award

For more information, contact Marketing Director, Amanda Kumer 588.333.2496 ext. 281
All proceeds to benefit Children's Hospital Foundation & The Playground in the Park



October Swap Meets

Chickasha Antique Auto Club
 P.O. Box 231
 Chickasha, OK 73021

CHICKASHA
 50th Annual

Largest Auto Swap Meet In OKLAHOMA!

712 East Grootaw Ave., Chickasha, OK 73018

Oct. 18, 19, 20, 2018

2018 Fall Swap Meet

- Parts
- Classics
- Antiques
- Street Rods
- Muscle Cars
- Special Interests

OUTSIDE SPACES 10' x 30'
 Auto related only!

Reserved Spaces • \$40
 Pre Registration ends April 15th for Spring and Sept 15th for Fall
 After this Date the price is \$50.00

- Night Guard
- Free Parts Hauling
- FREE Admission
- Improved Drainage
- Concessions on Grounds
- Paid Parking (benefits local youth)

RAIN OR SHINE

EZ GO

Chickashaautoswapmeet.com

Find us on Facebook

The cities of Chickasha and Norman will have their bi-annual Swap Meets on consecutive week-ends in October. The Chickasha swap meet will be held on Oct. 18-20 at the Grady County Fairgrounds with acres and acres of intriguing automotive stuff. Club members, Jim & Sherri McNew will be in spaces H & I 4-5 if you want to stop and say "hi" or rest a minute.



The Norman Swap meet will be held the following week-end at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Norman. While not as large as Chickasha, the majority of the vender area is inside with some very unique automobilia.



OCTOBER 25 26 27 Thurs-Sat 2018

NORMAN SWAP MEET

Fall Meet  NormanSwapMeet.com

- Street Rods
- Sports Cars
- Model A's
- Race Cars
- Hot Rods
- Aircraft
- Imports
- Boats
- Tools
- Parts
- Buggies
- Kit Cars
- Scooters
- Model T's
- Motorcycles
- Memorabilia

SPRING 2019 Norman Swap Meet March 14th 15th 16th

Cleveland County Fairgrounds 615 E. Robinson, Norman OK, 73071
 From I-35 take Robinson East.

Venders (3 day space rental)

- ⇒ \$30 Outdoor Space 9x20 ~
- ⇒ \$30 Indoor Space 9x10 ~
- ⇒ Personal Mobility Vehs. Allowed
- ⇒ (Spaces \$40 at the meet)
- ⇒ Held rain or shine
- ⇒ Night Security + Concessions
- ⇒ Free admission open 9am - 6pm
- ⇒ No inclement weather refunds
- ⇒ Overnight Elec. Avail \$20

Contact us at (SWAP) **405-651-7927**
 NormanSwapMeet@aol.com





Just for Fun - Car Puns



**A man drove his expensive car into a tree...
And found out how the Mercedes bends.**



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Check This Out



VINTAGE THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL

The Sooner Thunderbird Car Club is a sanctioned chapter of Vintage Thunderbird Club International. If you are not a member of VTCl and would like to join, you can go to VTCl's website at www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net and download an application form or fill it out online. As a member, you will receive 6 issues of the "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine which is full of interesting articles and tech tips. You will be able to shop for VTCl items in the club's online store, and you can also check out the Thunderbird Forum on the website for answers to some of the most asked questions about Thunderbirds.



Calendar of Events

October

6th - Coffee & Cars - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. - North Park Mall

13th - Sooner Thunderbird Club Meeting - China King

17th - 20th - Chickasha Swap Meet - Grady County Fairgrounds - Chickasha

25th-27th - Norman All Transportation Swap Meet - Cleveland County Fairgrounds - Norman



November

3rd - Coffee & Cars - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. - North Park Mall

17th - Sooner Thunderbird Club Meeting - TBA

22nd - Thanksgiving



December

1st - Coffee & Cars - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. - North Park Mall

? - Sooner Thunderbird Car Club Christmas Party - TBA

25th - Christmas

