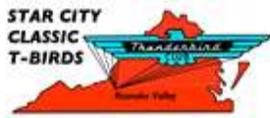


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### Future Events

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**Member Update:** We were all pleased and relieved to learn of Rudy Johnson's quick release from the hospital after the stroke he had last month. Rudy is recovering at home, and we all wish him a full and speedy recovery.

**CTCI and Local Club Dues:** It is that time of year, and you should have received your dues notice in the latest Early Bird. The dues vary based on the type of mail you wish to use in receiving your magazine. Club President, Richard Garrett is now taking local club dues for 2021. The price remains \$30 per couple and \$15 per individual. This amount includes a contribution to fund part of our annual Charity Project.

**Annual Charity Project:** The last two years we have given our \$500 charity donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Roanoke. Richard, in our December newsletter, requested members to contact him if they had any other nominees for this gift. He will address this in his "President's Column" later in this newsletter.

**Discussion of Club Driving Events for 2021:** The January newsletter is the one in which we usually propose various local driving events and note regional and national ones for the year for discussion at the January and February meetings. Obviously, this is not going to happen this year. Depending on how things go with the Corona Virus epidemic and the vaccines, there may be a chance for a few meetings and possible driving events later in 2021 but they will be ad hoc and possibly arranged via email notifications given the lead time to announce them in the newsletter, but who knows. If we are optimists, which most of us are, perhaps it is not too much of a stretch at this time to think ahead at least a little bit. Also, there may be some local driving events later in the year which could be safely attended by some members. Any members who become aware of any of these might want to get the word out to Richard, and he can publicize it through his email list or the monthly newsletter (depending on the lead time).

**Tend to your Thunderbirds:** We are all aware of this, but a reminder never hurts, although I am reminded every time I take a trash bag to the garbage container in the garage and see our '57 Starmist Blue bird just sitting there. All of us know how they should be put away for the winter and the importance of getting them out for a run in the early spring or a late winter balmy day. Remember how we often would see a Bird or two at a February or March meeting if the weather was right. During this protracted layoff, just don't forget about them, and get the cobwebs blown out with a good run now and then.

**Our January Thunderbird Owner's Story:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> in this series is from Rodney and Norma McNeil. It actually involves Rodney's lifelong love of cars and things automotive, not just his Thunderbirds. Rodney was very quick and cooperative in providing material and photos for me, and I learned some very interesting things I never knew about him. Hopefully, you will enjoy reading Rodney and Norma's article as much as I had in putting it together.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for January:

### Birthdays:

20 John Leedy  
23 Linda Overstreet  
27 Charlie Henderson



**Anniversaries:** None

Russ MacDonald, Secretary  
and Newsletter Writer

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## From the President:

As we start this new year let us hope that it will be better than the last. At the same time we can be thankful for what we got last year. Very few of our members were infected with the COVID 19 virus. I am only aware of two and at from what I have heard they are recovering at home.

Russ mentioned the fact that for the last two years we have donated to the Ronald Mc Donald House and that I had solicited suggestions for recipients in the December newsletter. I only got one response to that request and that was to continue to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. I then put on my thinking cap and remembered that we had discussed this very topic at the February 2020 meeting and as reported in the March newsletter the membership decided to donate to Alzheimer's research. I made an internet search and found that the Alzheimer's Association was the leading conductor of research concerning Alzheimer's disease. I will request that our club treasurer write a check for \$500 to the Alzheimer's Association.

The prospects of holding any kind of club meeting or get-together in the foreseeable future are mighty slim. All we can do is wait and hope that as the vaccine become more widely available the spread of the virus will be put in check and things can slowly get back to what once was considered normal.

Richard Garrett

PS: There really is a cat in the picture on page 4.

## My Favorite Crumb Cake

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#### Ingredients:

- 2 Tablespoons canola oil
- 4 cups flour
- ½ cup sugar
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- ½ cup milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1½ teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 sticks butter, melted and cooled
- handful of mini chocolate chips

#### Preparation:

1. Whisk together 1½ cups flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Set aside.
2. Whisk together the egg, milk, oil and vanilla.
3. Spray a 9×13 pan with cooking spray. Spread the batter evenly and set aside.
4. Add the remaining 2½ cups flour, brown sugar, and cinnamon to a bowl.
5. Add the butter and mix until it forms large crumbs.
6. Sprinkle the crumbs evenly over the batter.
7. Bake in a 325 degree oven for 20 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.
8. Sprinkle on mini chocolate chips after cake has cooled



Find the cat - YES there really is one in there somewhere!

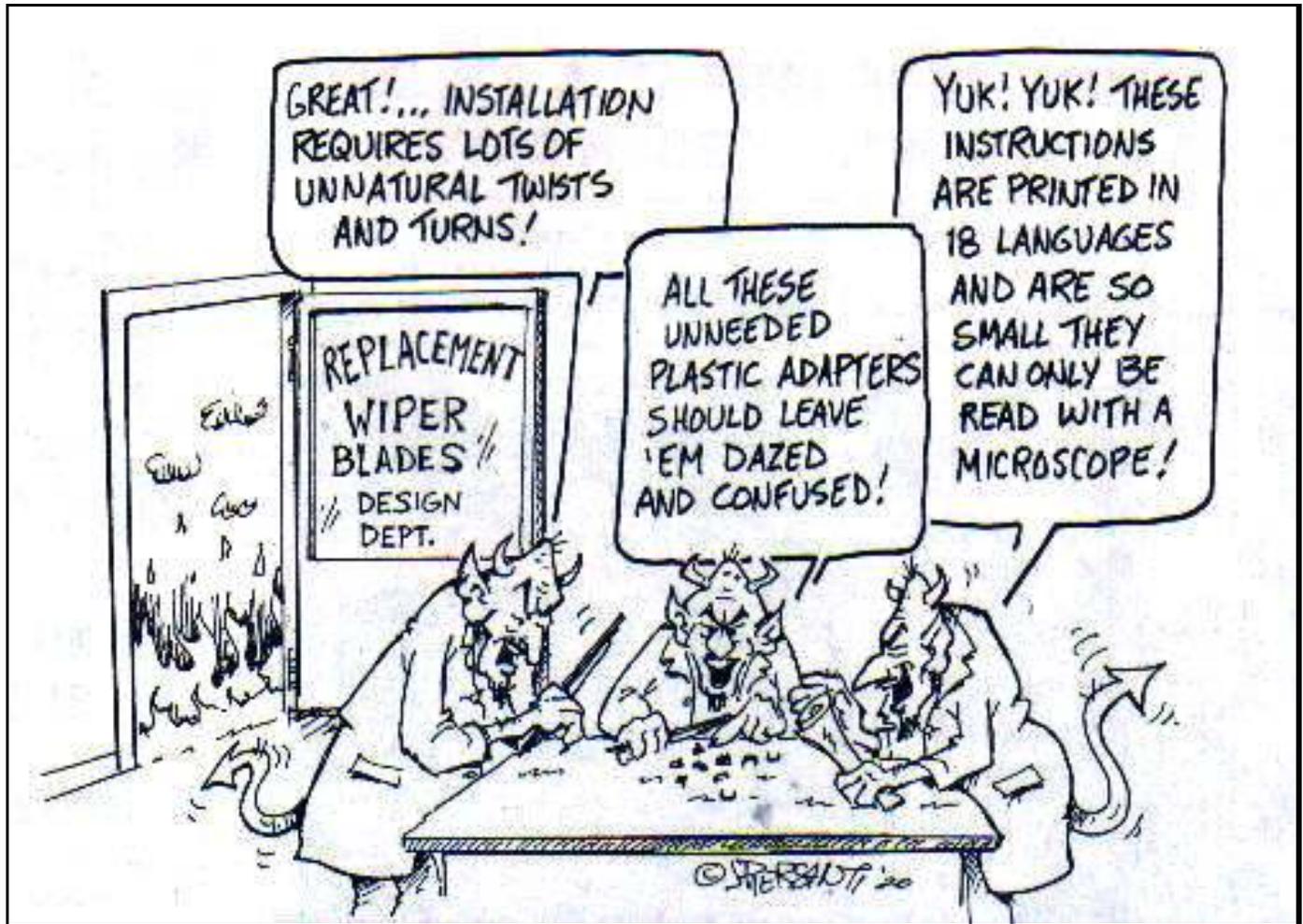
## History Highlights

- 1-9-1941 Joan Baez was born in Staten Island, NY. She has recorded songs in at least 6 languages.
- 1-12-1874 Carl G. Fisher was born in Greensburg, IN co-founder of Prest-O-Lite and Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
- 1-16-1935 Anthony Joseph "A.J." Foyt was born in Houston, TX. Foyt drove in the Indianapolis 500 for 35 consecutive years.
- 1-24-1917 Ernest Borgnine was born Ernest Effron Borgnino in Hamden, CT. At one time he was a member of the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA.
- 1-30-1892 Franklin Delano Roosevelt the 32nd President was born in Hyde Park, NY.
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- 1-2-1974 Richard Nixon signs legislation implementing the nationwide 55MPH speed limit.
- 1-10-1910 Hallmark Cards had its origins as its founder Joyce Clyde Hall arrived in Kansas City, Mo., to begin selling postcards wholesale.
- 1-18-1937 Ford number 25 million, a Fordor touring car drove off the Rouge assembly line.
- 1-23-1845 Congress decided that all national elections would be held on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November.
- 1-28-1915 US Coast Guard was created as Pres. Woodrow Wilson signed into law a bill merging the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service.

## Dept. of Totally Useless but interesting Information

On January 31, 1940 Ida May Fuller of Ludlow, VT became the recipient of the first monthly Social Security payment issued to a retired person. In 1937, 1938 & 1939 she had paid a total of \$24.75 into Social Security. Her first check was for \$22.54. When she died at age 100 she had collected \$22,888.92

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