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Future Events

Stay at home and wait until the COVID 19 pandemic runs its' course and we can get back to enjoying the comradery of our club

August Meeting: It was no real surprise to anyone, but there was no August meeting. Richard polled the membership via email the day before to see if there was any interest. He got only two positive responses, and with the rainy day forecast, which proved to be right on the money, he canceled out. For the record, and for anyone with time on their hands and reading this write-up years from now, the covid-19 pandemic is just not going away any time soon (as of this writing in mid-July). We all just need to do our part to help out with our masks and social distancing. With colleges re-opening now, we in Blacksburg are hoping for the best with the annual huge increase in our town population. K through 12 school openings all over the country vary significantly, and the initial results are varying significantly as well. We all miss being together, and we all look forward to the resumption of our monthly get-togethers.

Street Scene, August 8: By my reckoning, this was the only car event we might normally attend in any year (local, regional or national) that was not cancelled. As it turned out, there were only two of our members who ended up going, although several of us were considering it. Buck Morgan, who helps out with the organizers every year, parked cars as usual from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Rudy Johnson was the only member who made the trip.

Buck sent a brief report: He said that the last cars he parked had registration numbers of 270 and 271, so the forecast for over 300 cars was pretty close. Buck previously had said they were expecting a large number of cars from West Virginia, since all of the car shows in that state had been canceled. He said the MOPAR club from Roanoke showed up with about 15 cars, as did the Roanoke Corvette club with about the same number. He estimated that there were hundreds of people including car owners and lookers with families. There were 5 to 6 food outlets serving BBQ, ice cups, cotton candy and cinnamon buns, etc.

To top it off, there were bands and fireworks. He did not mention anything about the prevalence of mask wearing and social distancing, which we hope was OK.

Our “Club Members and Their Thunderbird Story” Project: Richard and I are pleased to report that we are off to good start with excellent cooperation from those we have contacted directly. This seems to be the key, so in due course, you can expect an email from me hoping you will tell us about your car and your experience with it. You can write it yourself; you can give me some details and let me do it; or most likely, it will be some combination. Pictures are an important part of this, and most of us have enough of them! What may be more work is scanning something from a magazine or pre-digital photo, but this is no real problem. So avoid me having to ask for your help. Give me a call or email and let’s discuss the possibilities. We are set with articles through December, but it can take a while to get things together and to write something up, so this fall would be a good time to work on it. By now, with our fourth story this month, you can see the variety of approaches taken. Richard Garrett’s story highlighted rebuilding his car from literally a pile of parts. Bill and Sue VanName focused on their car’s provenance and uniqueness from several perspectives. Barbara and I emphasized our special interest in attending and competing in CTCI regionals and nationals. This month, Steve and Linda Meadows introduce us to how to best search for and buy a Thunderbird. I think you will enjoy it!

Upcoming Events: We will have to go month-to-month with club President, Richard Garrett, checking the pandemic situation, checking the status of the Greenwood Restaurant, and checking on member interest in a monthly meeting, so stay tuned.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for August:

Birthdays:

- 9 Sonny Westmoreland
- 12 Beverly Hepler
- 13 Claudine Summer
- 14 Wayne Groseclose
- 29 Phyllis Summerfield



Anniversary:

- 12 Sonny and Nancy Westmoreland



Russ MacDonald, Secretary
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A few of the members of the Star City Classic T-Birds club are not members of CTCI here is an opportunity for the them to try it out an no cost. Check it out, you may not realize what you are missing.

TO: Region 4 Chapters

From: Region 4 Director Bob Witt

CTCI has rolled out a fantastic new promotion that will run for the rest of 2020. Interested parties can take CTCI membership for a "Test Drive" and sign up as a member for the rest of the year absolutely free. They will get a new member welcome packet, the Nov-Dec issue of Early Bird, the works. Please share this with your club. Here is a great opportunity for chapter members who are not CTCI members to "test drive" the CTCI member experience. Here is the link to sign up: <https://ctcitestdrive.com/>



History Highlights

9-1-1897 # Edgar Rice Burroughs was born in Chicago, IL. He was an American novelist whose Tarzan stories created a folk hero known around the world.

9-7-1936 Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, TX

9-14-1914 Clayton Moore, TV's "Lone Ranger" was born in Chicago.

9-22-1904 Ellen Church was born in Cresco, IA. She was the first female flight attendant.

9-30-1903 Lyle D. Goodhue was born in Jasper County, IA He invented the aerosol bug bomb.

9-2-1901 VP Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice "Speak softly and carry a big stick," in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

9-10-1897 George Smith, a London taxi driver, crashed into a building becoming the first person arrested for DUI.

9-17-1970 The Ford Pinto made it's debut

9-23-1954 Ford Motor Co. made its first press announcement of the new car named Thunderbird.

9-28-1960 Ted Williams hit a home run in his last career at-bat as his team, the Boston Red Sox, defeated the Baltimore Orioles 5-4 at Fenway Park.

Dept of Totally Useless But Interesting Information

Seeing Isn't Always Believing

A woman was flying from Melbourne to Brisbane, unexpectedly the plane was diverted to Sydney. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and that if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. A man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell she was blind because her Seeing Eye Dog lay quietly underneath the seat in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, Kathy we are in Sydney for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs? The blind lady replied. "No thanks, but maybe Max would like to stretch his legs."

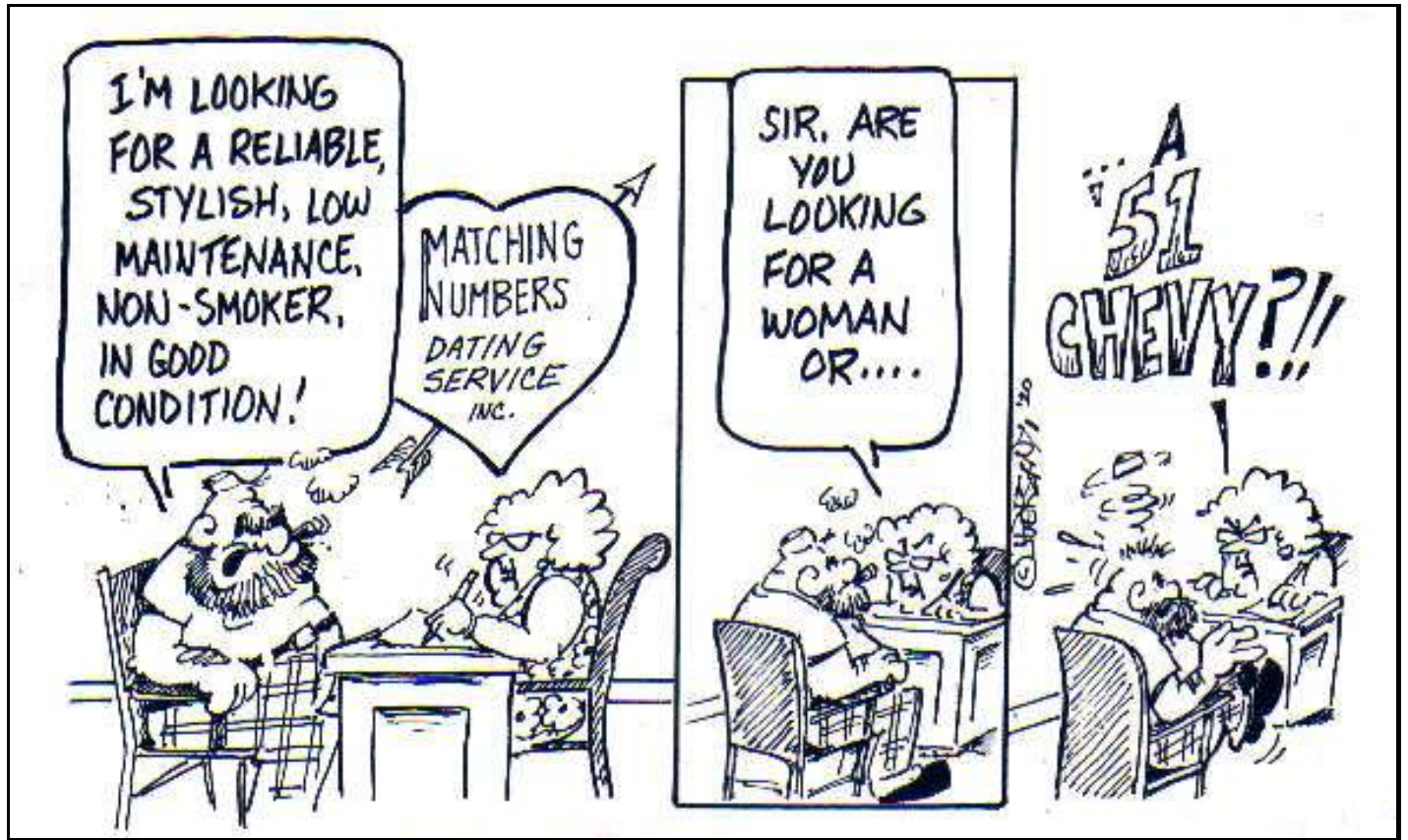
Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye Dog! The pilot was even wearing sun glasses. People scattered— They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines! True story. Have a great day and remember:

THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR



OTTO MECHANIC By: Jay Piersanti



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this is, and I am not joking, an 1882 US patent for a mousetrap and it's the most american thing I think I've ever seen

