



ARIZONA BIRD CHATTER

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1. April Fools' Day is on the 1st of April every year.
2. Make sure your joke is good as this day only comes once a year.
3. It is celebrated all around! the world.
4. . It's a day for playing practical jokes!
- 5.. You are meant to stop the April Fools jokes at 12pm!
6. In France they call it Poisson d'Avril.

April Fools' Day was also an established tradition in Great Britain before January 1st was established as the start of the calendar year.

The origin of **April Fools' Day** began in 1652.



Chris Ames: President is busy in North Carolina trying to have a grandbaby girl. So Richard Stoneberger was kind enough to send us an article.

1964 Ford Thunderbird FWD prototype

Ford patented FWD in 1959, after spending 30 months and \$3 million dollars developing the FWD 1961 Thunderbird only to have the idea axed in the eleventh hour and pushed back to the new 67 model. Around 15 FWD Thunderbird mules were built.

In 1960, Ford built the first, POST-WAR, FWD, American designed car called Cardinal. Since the Ford Falcon was a huge sales success, Ford didn't want that type of vehicle cutting into the sales, so they sold it in Europe instead. A 1960 Ford Cardinal FWD prototype was sent to Germany where a new factory was built and the car went in production in 1963, called the Ford 12M P4 Taurus (not to be confused with Taurus). Over its four-year production more than 150,000 were built per year.



During 1961-1963 Ford continue development on the FWD unibody Thunderbird and coincidentally in 1964 complete this full size clay model. Late in the year Ford decided to go with an alternative RWD design based on a full frame chassis that would be shared with the Lincoln.

Oldsmobile designer Don Logerquist suddenly came up with the Tornado design as an alternative to the B-platform, which had already been carved into clay. Oldsmobile design chief liked it and said it could be used in the near future on a special Oldsmobile project now known as the E-body. Shortly afterward David North painted the, now famous, giant-red sketch of the Tornado. Ironically Oldsmobile's front wheel drive layout was covered under Ford's patent.

ACTC March Meeting

March 13,2022 Meeting Minutes

President *Chris Ames* called the March meeting to order at 9:00 AM. *Doug Shearer* led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hospitality: *Yvonne Wagner* introduced former members *Kathleen and Warren Boles* who have rejoined. They are back from Canada. *Shannon Naulty* and his wife *Denise* have rejoined as well. New members *Dave and Cathy Burklund* recruited by *Kathy and Bob Michele*. *Mary* was a guest of *Howard and Joyce Nimis*. Welcome back *Myrna Foster*. She was in the hospital. *Mike Wood* was in the hospital as well. We sang "Happy Birthday" for March Birthdays and several 50+ anniversaries. It was mentioned that *Wade Meyers* had hurt his back.

Ways and Means: *Ken Falkenberry* said that *Mike Wood* is in need of articles for the Newsletter.. *Ken* thanked *Chuck Thompson* and *Jim Rodgers* for representing CTCL. He has license plate frames for sale.

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: *Rie Buzby* reported on the checking and saving accounts

Member at Large: *Bob Michele* asked how the food was and members gave a round of applause. *Bob* told a joke. Next meeting: April 16, Saturday at Pera Park (Officers Picnic). Cost \$1.00 per person. When you respond on Evite.com, notate your choice of Hot Dog, Hamburger or Chicken. April 30th is day at the Pavilions.

Activities: Vice President *Jackie Mckee* reported that the Route 66 run is being organized by *Gregg Thurston* April 29-May 1. Contact *Gregg* if interested. *Stu Cannold* asked if we want to have a joint meeting with the Corvette Club in Tucson. Members seemed to agree that it would be great, maybe in October near Tucson. Details are to come. Veterans Car Show,. April 16, Westside at Cabela's.

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2022 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

Gregg Thurston, reported on Route 66 Days in April 29-May 1
 Leave at 8:30 from MCDONALDS, Care-free/I 17
 Spend the night at Seligman or Williams
 April 30 head for Lake Havasu, stay at Island Suites.

April 16th ACTC Officers Picnic:
 Saturday (Sunday was not available)
 Pera Park 1 E. Continental Av, Tempe
 Members arrive 11:30 AM—12:00 Noon
 Price to be determined.

April 30th Scottsdale Pavillions, we have also reserved Oct 29th. Members should arrive at 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. We have reserved the last row West of Mc Donald's. New rules cars, must be older than 1987 except Retro Birds.

May 15th (3rd Sunday, (Mother's Day Is the 2nd Sunday) The Burg (formerly Gallagher's) 751 E. Union Hills Dr. Phoenix
 Members arrive 8:30 AM—9:00 AM, breakfast served at 9:30 AM
 \$15.00 per person

June 12th (2nd Sunday)
 Rudy's Bar-B-Q 1733 N. Higley Rd. Mesa (between Rte. 60 & Baseline Rd. \$14.00 per person

Oct 7 & 8 for Beeline Cruise-In, Rumsey Park in Payson. Jacki sent out registration in PDF form



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Randall	4/09/00
John Dalmolin	4/11/00
Dede Ross	4/12/00
Jack R. Musselmann	4/13/00
Mo Mason	4/21/00
Kathy Michele	4/21/00
Karen Artus	4/22/00
Paul Fruscello	4/23/00
Jamie Thompson	4/27/00
Christopher W. Ames	4/29/00

PLEASE NOTE !

All dates and events listed above are tentative and subject to change. Please check the calendar



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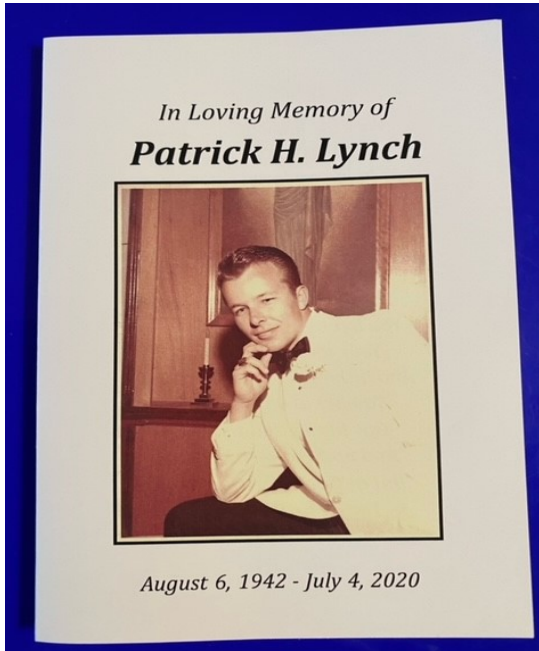
**Our Vice President Jacki Mc Kee, is
hard at work finding us deals on T-
Shirts (after the Regional she hates
T-Shirts) so a special thanks for the
effort!**

**Jacki had Danny send out a blast to
all members so they can view the
shirts available and make their
orders.**

**Keep your eye out for a stolen T-
Bird**



Any information contact Chris Ames



Pat passed away 7-4-2020, but because of Covid, the pandemic, and relatives living in 4 different states, we were just now able to have the service. We had 24 relatives come, and they all appreciated the participation from our club. We had a great time at the service and at the reception following, talking to everyone who came. Thank you for sharing in our day..

I shared that Pat and I first joined the club in 1971, a year after it began in 1970. We dropped out of the club for a while. In 1988, John graduated from high school. Then in 1989, we joined the club again. The last event Pat and I attended was the "50th Year Celebration" for the club in Dec. 2019. Then covid hit and life changed. Pat passed away July 4, 2020, but the club and all the wonderful friends were always an important part of our lives.

Beverly Lynch



I want to say, "Thank you" to the T-Bird Club and all the members who came to the Celebration of Life for Pat Lynch. We had many members who came and drove their T-Birds, and also some who were not able to come, but told me they would be praying for us, as we got together for the service. It was a wonderful day with family members sharing at the service, and slideshow, with music, that my son, John, put together. My son, Mike, drove Pat's 1957 T-Bird to the service, and loved seeing all the other cars as they pulled in.



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Nikki Musselmann said that **Run to the Pines** registration will come out **April 1st** or so. If you want to go, sign up as soon as possible. It is the last weekend in September.

Ex-Officio: *Danny Kim*, Not present.

CTCI: *Jim Rodgers*. 2022 International Regional in San Antonio, October 25th-30th. This is Jim's last year on the CTCI board and looking for a volunteer for the Representative for Region 6.

Web Master: *Chuck Young*, not present.

Public Relations: *Don Henderson*, *Ahwatukee parade*, April 16th. He sent around a sign-up sheet. Parade route starts at 48th street and Warne and goes one mile. .

Membership: *Judy Thompson* reported that we have 78 households, 131 members and 76 T-Birds (12-55's, 21-56's and 43-57's.)

Historian: *Duane Foster*, No report.

Newsletter Editor: *Mike Wood*, no report.

Inspector General: *Tom Harris* reported 5-57's, 4-56's & 1-55 in the parking lot, winner Blue 57, no whitewalls was..... Don Henderson.

Old Business: Chris spoke of the Bylaws to be reviewed. Condensed version of Roberts Rules. Not sure that exists. Chris will review the Bylaws and send it out to the members. Must need 2/3 member approval. Tom Wagner asked if you do not have a name tag and want one see him. Payment in advance. We still fine members for not wearing their name tags. (\$1.00)

Lynne Silvernale is still collecting glasses and toiletries. **Bev Lynch** thanked everybody that responded to go to **Pat's Celebration of Life**.

New Business: Chris put all member's address in Google maps to see where most of the people live. He will be sending it out in the future. He may schedule a day of the month to do an outing. Details will follow.

Split the pot: \$96.00 - Jean Fruscello
Meeting adjourned 10:35am

Respectfully submitted by *Yvonne Wagner*

PIPELINES ACROSS AMERICA

You probably know the main avenues for oil to travel: trucks, trains, ships and pipelines. The first three are easy to visualize, load up the oil and drive it somewhere via land or water. But what about pipelines? According to The World Factbook, there are about 2,175,000 miles of pipeline around the world, but how do they work? Do they just flow, are they pressurized? How efficient are they in transporting oil? You're about to find out.

There are 218,970 miles of U.S. oil, refined products and natural gas liquids pipeline. This includes over 80,000 miles of crude oil pipelines, over 70,000 natural gas liquids pipeline miles and over 62,000 miles of petroleum products pipeline.

Article is pages long so if your interested go on line and check it out.

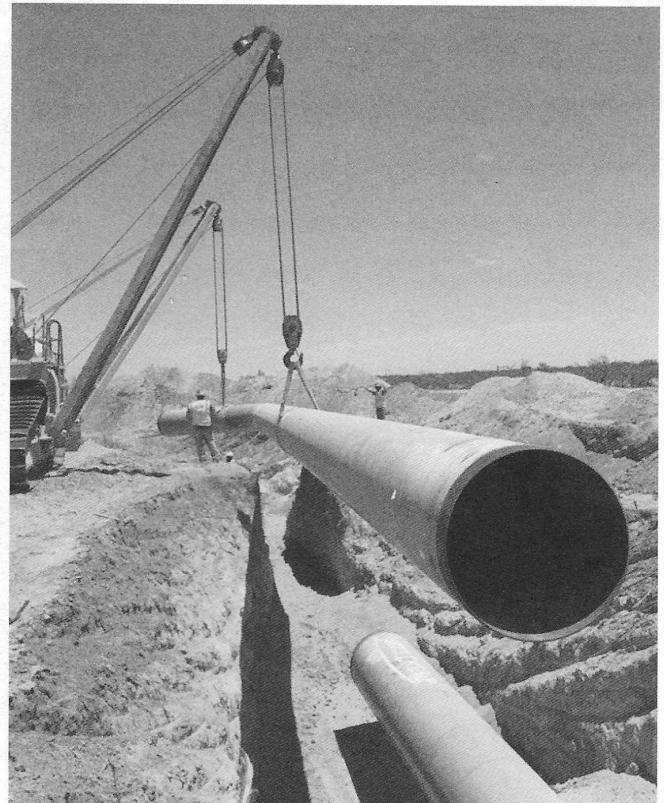
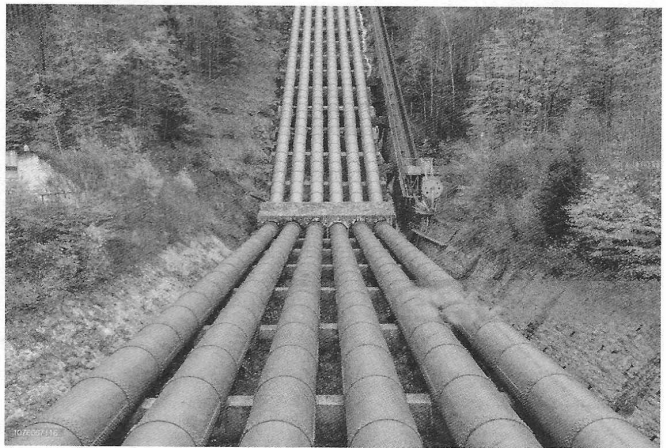
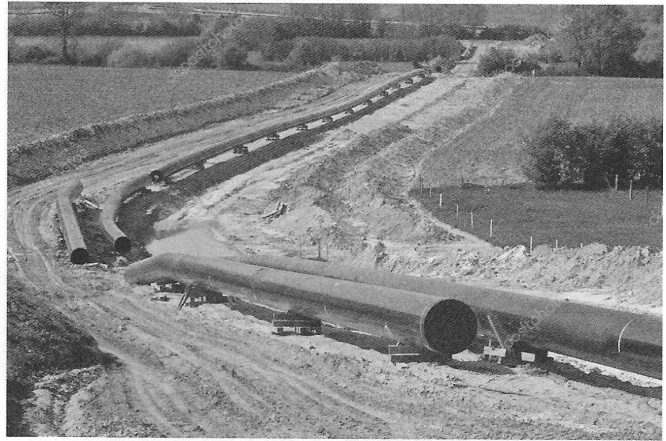
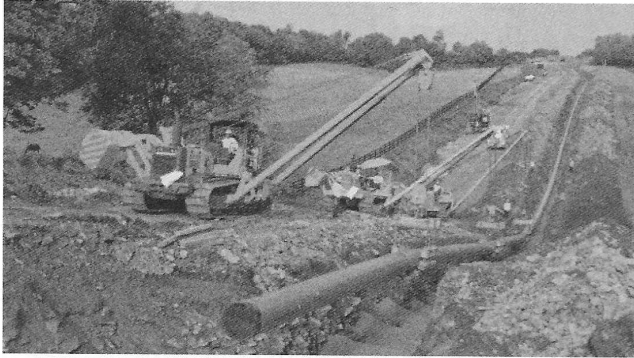
Article and pictures from **Bob Michele**



Stewart & Mary Wright we are thinking about you us guys.

Miss your cartoons. xoxoxo

Pipelines across America.....



Reading Your Rubber

Learn the lingo of your car's wheels and tires.

Stephen Oats writes: *Can you nutshell what I need to know about wheel and tire sizes?*

Let's start with the wheels...

In order for the wheels to attach to the hubs, the bolt pattern and center bore need to be correct. Bolt pattern is the number of lug nuts and the diameter of the circle they form. On pre-1980-ish American and British cars, this was specified in inches (e.g., 5x4.5). On most modern cars, it's stated in millimeters (e.g., 5x100). The center bore is the diameter of the hole in the middle of the wheel. Most modern cars have hub-centric wheels, where the wheel's center bore mates with a small raised ridge on the hub. If the wheel bore is too small, it won't fit, and if the bore is too big, the wheel may vibrate from not being centered. Hub-centric rings can be used to help them correctly seat, and machine shops can increase the bore if needed.

Width, diameter, and offset then come into play. Width is measured at the outer edges of both lips. Diameter is self-explanatory. Both are almost always expressed in inches. Offset, usually measured in millimeters, is the distance from the wheel's mounting face (the part that sits flush against the hub) to the centerline of the wheel. Nearly all wheels have positive (inboard) offset. If the offset is too small, the wheels and tires may stick outside the fenders. Too big an offset can cause the brake calipers to rub the inside of the wheels. Backspacing is almost the same as offset, except it's measured not to the centerline but to the inside of the wheel lip. If you're looking to fit wheels that have a little too much offset (sit too far inboard), thin circular spacers can be used so long as they don't interfere with the seating of the lug nuts.

Now, on to tires...

Until about 1920, cars wore skinny high-pressure tires in sizes such as 30x3, where "30" was the tire's rolling diameter and "3" was the cross-sectional width, both in inches. To calculate the diameter of wheel they'd fit on, you needed to know that the

tire's width and height were the same; there are 3 inches at both the top and bottom, so subtracting 6 from 30, the tire would need a 24-inch wheel.

From the 1920s through the 1960s, a numeric description containing tire width and wheel diameter was used. A size such as 6.00-16 referred to a tire 6 inches wide made for a 16-inch wheel. Tires might have been available in different profiles, but it wasn't part of the description.

The designations changed again in the late 1960s when alphanumeric descriptions came into play. A size like G70-15 meant the tire had a g-load rating (1620 pounds), a 70 percent aspect ratio (the tire's height divided by its width, expressed as a percentage—the smaller the aspect ratio, the lower the tire's profile), and was meant for a 15-inch wheel. Width was no longer part of the description.

Finally, in the late 1970s, P-metric tire designations were introduced. They included the three important parameters of width, aspect ratio, and wheel diameter, but, confusingly, width and diameter are specified in different units. If you see a tire size like 235/45R17, the 235 is the section width in millimeters, the 45 is the aspect ratio, and the 17 is the wheel diameter in inches.

Modern descriptions can get a bit arcane. If there's a letter designation at the beginning, that's the tire's service type, and it affects load capacity. "P" means P-metric, commonly used for tires for passenger vehicles. No letter means Euro-metric, which, for the same-sized tire, usually has a slightly higher load rating than P-metric. "LT" means light truck. "ST" is special trailer service. The letter designation in the middle—the "R"—is not a speed rating, as many people think. It is a construction description. R stands for "Radial," the design of nearly all modern tires. You might also see "D" for diagonal (bias-ply), "B" for belted, or "F" for run-flat. If the construction description is preceded by a "Z," that is a speed rating—the tire is rated for at least 149 mph—but

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JUST A REMINDER**MAY 15th, 2022 (3rd Sunday)****Mothers Day is the 2nd Sunday****ACTC general meeting****The Burg (formally Gallagher's)****Members arrive 8:30 am—9:00 am****Breakfast: 9:00 am****\$15.00 per person**

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