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1. The word "August" is derived from the Latin word 'augustus', meaning 'augur'.
 2. The month is named after the Roman emperor Augustus, who was known as "Augustus".
 3. August is the eighth month of the year.
 4. The colorful flowers known as the gladiola and poppies are the two official flowers for August.
- The birthstone for August is the peridot which is created from molten lava.

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1. The name "September" comes from an old Roman word, "septem," which actually means 7. That's right – September was the seventh month of the year on the Roman calendar – It did not become the ninth month until the advent of the Gregorian calendar.
 2. The Romans believed that September was looked after by the god of fire. So they always expected fires and volcanic eruptions to occur during this month.
 3. Out of all 12 months of the year, September is spelled with the most letters. It contains nine letters, and it happens to be the ninth month of the year. No other months have the same amount of letters as their number in the calendar year.



Memories

Chris Ames, President

I will start by thanking former Presidents Gregg Thurston and Jean Fruscello for reviewing the final version ACTC's By-Laws revision before it was submitted to the membership for a vote. And my thanks to former President Danny Kim for handling the online voting. And finally, thanks to the members for their consideration of and voting on the revised By-Laws.

Voting closed at 7:45 PM July 30, 2022. There were 31 online votes and one paper ballot vote. The vote unanimously approved the revised By-Laws.

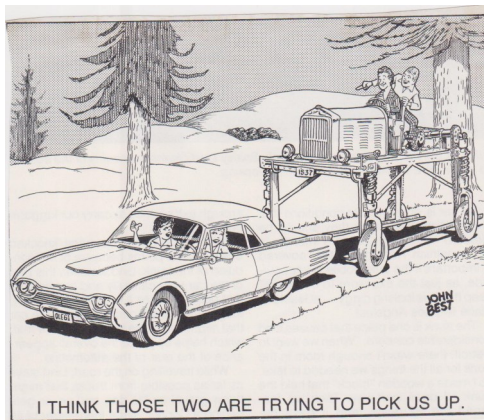
The new By-Laws have been sent to Judy Thompson on the Membership Committee so the 2023 Directory can be updated with them.

I am pleased that American Legion Post 107 has returned to operating their kitchen themselves. I am looking forward to holding our September and October & November meetings there. Thank you, Bob Michele.

Jacki McKee sent me information on the Tubac Art Walk on the weekend of our Trip to the area, which put a smile on Mrs. Ames face. Thank you Jacki!

We need more Thunderbirds going to the Convention, let me know what I can do to help.

Chris Ames



2022 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

September is like starting a new year.
Be sure to answer Evite or call Bob that you
are coming to the meeting!!!

Sunday Sept 11th Club Meeting:
American Legion Post 107
20001 N. Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix
(just south of 101 on Cave Creek)
Members 8:30-9:00 Breakfast 9:30
\$15.00 per person

October 7-8 Payson Beeline Cruise & Show
Get entry form from rimcountryclassicauto-
club.com. Registration: Ken Tozi 928-970-
1700. Hotel we are staying at is the
Majestic Inn (special rates) but its full! Try
Best Western.

Sunday October 16th Club Meeting:
American Legion Post 107
20001 N. Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix
(just south of 101 on Cave Creek)
Members 8:30-9:00 Breakfast 9:30
\$15.00 per person

Saturday October 29th is DATE AT The
Pavillions (meet at 12 noon, stay till 3:00 pm
Location: McDonalds off McDonald back
row west side.

Sunday November 20th Club meeting (3rd
Sunday of the month) American Legion Post
107.

PLEASE NOTE !

*All dates and events listed above are tentative
and subject to change. Please check the calendar
each month for updates.*



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barb Blair	9/3
Effie Duquette	9/3
Kerry Pokorski	9/7
Linda Young	9/7
Sherri Rodgers	9/10
Von Hallauer	9/14
Casey Newcomb	9/15
Karen Arredondo	9/15
Denise Nalty	9/15
Kathi Price	9/16
Jerry Bruce	9/18
Fred Artus	9/19
Dave Burklund	9/19
Rosemary Henderson	9/20
Barbara Sanders	9/21
Shannon Nalty	9/22

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ACTC Members

This week I had the opportunity to watch a documentary on the History Channel called "The Cars That Made America". This is a three-part series that tracks the development of the automobile from the early beginning to the modern era. It focuses on how the visionaries, engineers, men and women made it all happen. This is a three-part series that takes six hours to watch from start to finish but well worth the time if you get a chance to watch. I found it interesting how the Dodge Brothers, Walter Chrysler, Chevrolet and Ford were all competitors but also worked together to make the automobile what it is today.

Enjoy,

Jim Rodgers

CTCI DIRECTOR ELECTION STATUS UPDATE

Your CTCI Board of Directors would like to inform you that on the August 2022 deadline, we received only 4 candidate resumes, for a 2023 Board position. All candidates were unopposed and will assume their position by acclamation on 1 January 2023.

**Region 2 - Marsh Hash
Region 4 - Charlie Hensley
Region 6 - Trae Wood
Director at Large - Chris Ames**

Their resumes' will be published in the Sep/Oct Early Bird magazine.

On behalf of th CTCI Board,

**Brian Carron
President**



SEPTEMBERS ANNIVERARIES

Larry and Phyllis Braasch	9/3
John and Nancy Kidwell	9/25

Subject: Recommendations request for '56 Ford Y-block

The rebuild of the original 312 cubic inch Y-block engine in our '56 Ford Thunderbird included hardened exhaust valve seats. This engine was originally designed with an 8.5 to 1 compression ratio, but I suspect it is a little higher now because the bore is .040 over and the surfaces on the heads and block were milled flat during the rebuild. I drive the car once a month. I live in Phoenix, Arizona and summer temperatures can be 116 degrees. The cooling system is original with the exception of an added pusher fan in front of the radiator.

I would like you recommendation for the following coolant and fuel products for this engine.

1. Antifreeze type – OAT or IAT?
2. No-Rosion Coolant Corrosion Inhibitor or HyperKuhl Super Coolant?
3. No-Rosion Fuel Combustion Optimizer and/or No-Rosion Fuel Octane Booster?

Please feel free to add any other observations.

Thank you,

Chris Ames

ACTC July Meeting Minutes

July 10,2022 @ “The Burg”

President Chris Ames called the July meeting to order at 9:00 AM. **Brett Williams** led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting minutes of the last meeting had no corrections. Chris mentioned that we are voting on the Bi-Law changes now and Danny is calculating results. Chris mentioned that the board is now having Zoom Meetings. Chris told us that we as the board voted on sending \$500 from the treasury to the 2022 Regional.

Hospitality: *Yvonne Wagner* said there were no new members nor was there any one sick. We sang happy birthday to all of the T-Birders who have birthdays in July and August since there is no meeting in August. Lynne Silvernale reported that she has a new Great Granddaughter “Ameilia” (this is #29, might be an ACTC record).

Ways and Means: *Ken Falkenberry*, was hawking Classic Thunderbird License Plate covers for \$15 dollars. We auctioned off a few for \$5.

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: *Rie Buzby* reported balance in checking and saving accounts. We will make the contribution to the Regional so the saving account will be down by \$500.

CTCI: *Jim Rodgers*. CTCI has a Tech Help on their Website. Great addition to the Website. Elections are coming up for CTCI. Don’t forget the Regional in October. Chris mentioned that he will be driving the route for the people who will be going to the Regional so it will be good for their trip. If you are thinking about going to the Regional, contact Chris. He mentioned the “Ford Johnson” trophy that they give at the Regional.

Activities: Vice President *Jackie Mckee*: September 23-25 Run to the Pines, October 1- Car show in Sedona, October 7-9 -Beeline Cruise in in Payson, details were sent in an email from Danny, October 19-23 Run to the Sun in Lake Havasu, October 25-30 CTCI Convention, October 29, the Pavilions, November 11-13 Car show in Tucson and Gas Light Theater – We have 9 tickets left for the Theater. Tickets are \$28 each. If you need more information and need to reserve a room, call Jackie McKee. December 11th is the Christmas Party. .

Public Relations: *Don Henderson*, No Report

Newsletter Editor: *Mike Wood* said he need more filler for the Newsletter. Please send him information.

Member at Large: How was the food? A round of applause indicated it was fine. Bob told a joke. No Meeting in August. Meetings for September, October and November will be at the American Legion on Cave Creek Road just South of the 101. Christmas Party is Sunday the December 11th at the Embassy Suites and will cost \$30 per person and \$40 for guests.

Membership: *Judy Thompson*, not present.

Historian: *Duane Foster*, no report.

Inspector General: *Tom Harris* not present.- Carter filled in for him. 4-57's, 2- 56's & 1-55's. Winner 57,..... Lynne Silvernale

Old Business: None.

New Business: No new business.

Split the pot: \$66.00 – Rie Buzby winner.

Motion to adjourned by Bob Michele and seconded by Tom Wagner.

Meeting adjourned 10:13am

Respectfully submitted by *Yvonne Wagner*

CTCI has a very successful Google Group in operation for '55, '56, and '57 Thunderbirds.

Many CTCI members also own a Retro (Modern Classic). So, CTCI has created a Technical Question & Answer Google Group that is specifically for Retro (Modern Classics). This group is based on an email format and will create very timely responses to current technical questions you have.

Joining the group is totally optional and exit is easy. As a member of the group, you can post a question, everyone in the group will receive an email relaying the question. Any member who has knowledge of the subject can instantly respond by replying to the message and every member will be able to review the response. As a member, you will have access to the large pool of knowledge and experience that the members of this club possess. Even if you only monitor the emails, you will gain a wealth of knowledge!

The group, at the present time, is limited to technical questions and responses. In the future possible expansion of the use will be considered.

We encourage everyone that needs technical assistance OR can provide technical assistance for Retro (Modern Classics) to join this group!

To join, simply send an email to Shannon.Herring@KledisAndCompany.com asking to join the CTCI Retro (Modern Classics) Technical Google Group. You MUST include your CTCI Member Number to be added to this group. You will receive a confirmation notification that you have been added to the group. At that time, you will be able to customize how often you receive emails to/from the group.

If you have not already joined the '55, '56, and '57 group, you can do so by clicking the link above and requesting to join the original group.

Your CTCI Membership Number is: 37185

On behalf of the CTCI Board,

Brian Carron
President

I met a reporter from The Royal Examiner News based in Warren County Virginia at a wedding about 4 years ago. I related a story about my military service and he wrote the following article. If it's not too long you can put it in the Newsletter.

(Message to readers from our Contributing Writer: This is not a local story. It came from a fellow guest at my god-child's wedding reception in San Diego a few weeks ago – many miles from the Royal Examiner's 'circulation' area. I offer it to our readers because, since the July wedding, I have asked a score or more FroRo residents if they are aware of what was happening at the North Pole 50 years ago, and, moreover, its lasting effects in future years. None were. If you feel you might enjoy pieces of formerly classified history, read on.)

At age 22, Robert Michele of Phoenix, Arizona, told me he was drafted into the U.S. Army 52 years ago (Sept. 9, 1964) anticipating a Southeast Asia assignment as the Vietnam War began gathering steam. Instead, he was sent to an American military base close to the North Pole! Now 74, and retired after 21 years with the Nassau County, NY, police department, the former police sergeant (and Army Spec.4) exchanged police and service stories with me over the wedding celebration dinner table. I asked about his military service (I did a three-year hitch in the Royal Air Force from age 18 to 21) and his police work (early in my journalism career I'd covered police beats in England, Canada and the United States) he surprised me with the statement that he'd spent his two-year army stint at Thule Air Force Base in Greenland – about 800 miles south of the North Pole.

Thule itself was, well, despite 30-to-40 degree below freezing temperatures, 125 mph winds and blinding snow, your regular air force base (I know a few since our son recently completed 10 years of USAF service) but Bob's duties occasionally took him to a nearby covert base dubbed "Camp Century" where scientists supposedly did studies of a non-military nature. According to the U.S. Defense Department, the official purpose of Camp Century was to test various construction techniques under Arctic conditions. Wrong!

As my table companion discovered long after he completed his two years of service, Camp Century, was actually a system of tunnels beneath the ice sheet that would be used, if necessary, to deploy nuclear missiles on the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War. I asked Bob to describe what he saw when on his first assigned task at the "camp."



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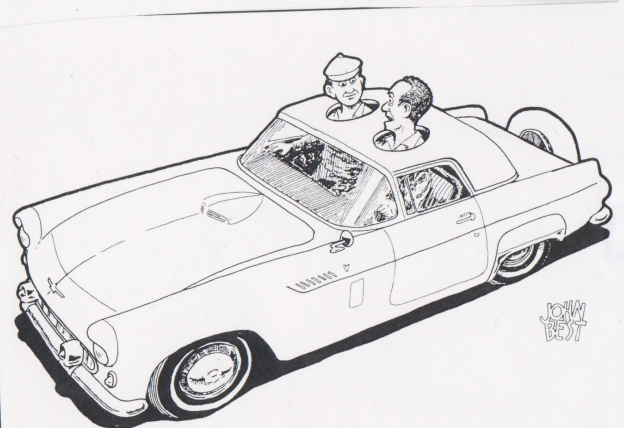
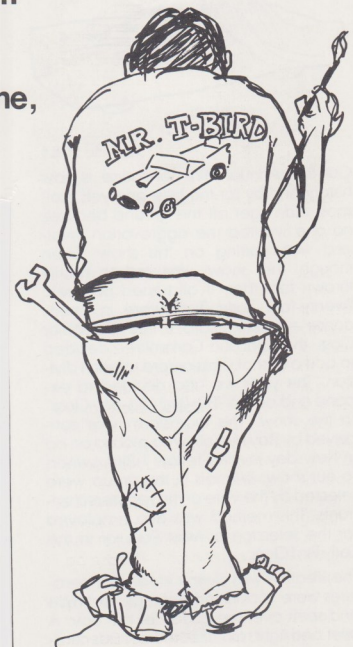
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He said he entered a “main tunnel, 30 to 40 feet wide” then descended about 50 feet down to an array of structures including Quonset huts, a movie theater, mess hall, and other accommodations consistent with a military base. “The only things visible above the ice sheet were exhaust stacks,” was Bob’s recollection. I gleaned other information from Wikileaks that indicated Camp Century had its own nuclear power plant, scientific laboratories, a library, a chapel, and a barber shop.

Bob said he “wasn’t thrilled in going to the Pole.” He questioned “Why me? One in a million...” then volunteered for duty in ‘Nam. Denied, said his senior officer. His was considered a “hazardous duty” assignment that one cannot volunteer out of, the officer told him.

And so began his two-year experience traveling to and from the ice cap. Four months was the maximum for soldiers at the ice cap. Then they would be returned to the U.S. (in Bob’s case, to Virginia’s Fort Belvoir) for four months duty stateside. He was rotated three times.

What Bob drew to my continued attention over dessert was the discovery he made well after he began his career with the Nassau County PD (he was actually born in Queens, NY). While he was unaware of Camp Century’s actual mission while at Thule, he did become aware of what was left behind after the Pentagon

closed the facility in 1966, and what is now a continuing concern to our government and the country of Denmark, to which Greenland belongs.

According to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C., advancing climate change could uncover toxic and radioactive waste at Camp Century as early as 2090. A paper reported on by a Ben Panko of Smithsonian.com two years ago was titled “A Radioactive Cold War Military Base Will Soon Emerge From Greenland’s Melting Ice” and subtitled: “They thought the frozen earth would keep it safely hidden. They were wrong.”

Bob was familiar with the dilemma but told me to go to Wikipedia for details. I did, which is where I found the Smithsonian story. The bottom line of this is that when Camp Century was closed 50 years ago, no one had figured there would be a change in the world’s climate so severe that the 115 feet of snow and ice would eventually disappear, leaving exposed an estimated 9,200 tons of toxic materials and 53,000 gallons of diesel fuel to be exposed and carried toward the ocean by meltwater, along with radioactive water from Camp Century’s nuclear power plant, and carcinogenic toxins and other dangerous materials.

It wasn’t until 1995 that the Danish government discovered the true nature of Camp Century, and perhaps well after that what the future held in store. This story will be continued well into the future.

Article submitted by Bob Michele

TOURING AMERICA IN 1957

The year was 1957. Most of us weren't old enough to drive yet, but we couldn't wait to get behind the wheel of our own car. It was the beginning of the greatest period in US automotive history – a time when the debut of new cars in the showrooms was one of the biggest events of the year. Life was good and America was prosperous. World War II was twelve years in the past and the Korean War had been over for four years. President Eisenhower had signed the Interstate Highway System into law and freeways were under construction all over the country. America was on the move. The pages that follow are an abbreviated trip back to 1957 and some images of what life was like at a time when people were discovering this great country, getting out on the highways to explore not only the beautiful geography, but to engage in new forms of recreation. Crossing the United States from Maine to Southern California and from the Pacific Northwest to Florida, this brief peek in the rear view mirror brings back some fond memories of days when a few bucks went a long way; when people were proud of their country; and when summertime was a time for discovery and adventure.

American cars were stylish, comfortable, powerful, and colorful. And, for most people, they were affordable. A new car carried an average price tag of under \$2400. A good used car could be purchased for under \$500. Gas was \$.24 per gallon, and rent was an average \$90 per month. Though most families thrived at just \$5000 per year, women were entering the work force, so average family incomes were climbing to \$10,000 per year or more, and families were beginning to take advantage of a booming new segment of the post war economy – recreation. We're going to take a little ride across America now, and hopefully the journey will bring back some pleasant memories of the days when we were young teenagers, seeing the world, not on the tiny screen of a cellular phone, but firsthand as we lived it to the fullest. Regardless of where we grew up, there was so much to see and do .



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JUST A REMINDER

October 11th 2022

At the American Legion Post 107
Cave Creek south of 101

Breakfast Meeting will be at:

8:30-9:00 "Getting to know you time:"

Breakfast at 9:30
\$1500 per person

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