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October



WHAT DOES HALLOWEEN MEAN TO YOU?

For many, Halloween means scary movies, carving pumpkins, dressing up in costumes, scary decorations, candy, and parties, but everyone has their own definition of Halloween.

Here are 8 spooktacular facts about Halloween

1. Ancient Origins of Halloween. Halloween's date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in)
2. All Saints Day
3. Halloween Comes to America
4. History of Trick-or-Treating
5. Halloween Parties
6. Halloween Movies
7. All Souls Day and Soul Cakes
8. Black Cats and Ghosts



Chris Ames, President

I will start this note with some history on ACTC's Website drawn from our Arizona Bird Chatter. The first Bird Chatter "Webmaster" was Bob La Bine from 2001 thru 2003. Pat Ciammitti's son Robb Devlin subsequently Shepherded the site until Mayor 2016, when Chuck Young stepped forward to accept the role of Webmaster. And most recently, one of our new members, Russ Hanson, has agreed to serve as Webmaster; he and Chuck are working on the transition.

We should express our most sincere thanks to Chuck for his time and talents over the last six and half years as Webmaster and Russ for taking the reins as ACTC continues to keep internet visibility via our website.

As a follow-up on ACTC's bylaws update, we should have all felt comforted when we read the reminder regarding chapter Bylaw updates on page 4 of the September-October 2022 Early Bird.

ACTC was out in front!

Cool-weather is back; let's drive our Thunderbirds.

Chris

ACTC

September 11, 2022 @ "The American Legion President Chris Ames called the September meeting to order at 9:00 AM. We all said the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting minutes of the last meeting had no corrections.

Hospitality: *Yvonne Wagner* told one of Bob Michele's joke (he was not present). We sang "Happy Birthday" to all the people born in August and September. New members were introduced: Austin Eaton and Ken Goldstein.

Ways and Means: *Ken Falkenberry*, No Report!

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: *Rie Buzby* reported checking \$2,177.73 and \$23,006.48 savings.

CTCI: *Jim Rodgers*. Don't forget the Regional in October 25-30. CTCI had election, Chris Ames will be Member at Large for this coming year, as well as Chuck Thompson, Member at Large. Retro Birds will be recognized at CTCI and ACTC. It is still up for a vote with the members. Chris thanked Jim Rodgers for his service in CTCI.

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, Theater. 9 tickets left Tickets are \$28 each. If you need more information and need to reserve a room, call Jackie McKee. December 11th is the Christmas Party. Dr George Car Show in Palm Springs in February. Yvonne spoke about the details for Payson coming up October 7-9. Don Henderson introduced his daughter, Camile. She will be putting together a documentary about the T-Birds since her dad has such a passion for the cars.

Public Relations: *Don Henderson*, wanted to know why people are not driving their cars. Let's get them out and drive them.

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

Member at Large: Bob Michele was not present.

Membership: *Judy Thompson*, 88 Households, 152 members an 83 T-Birds

Historian: *Duane Foster*, no report.

Inspector General: *Tom Harris* picked this month's prize winner, a blue 57 with no fender skirts. The winner was Don Henderson. Count of the Birds for this meeting: 8-57, 3-56, 1-55, 2 Retros

Old Business: None.

New Business: No new business. Chris did one last pitch for the Convention.

Split the pot: \$83 – New member Ken Goldstein winner.

Motion to adjourned by Jim Rodgers and seconded by Don Henderson.

Meeting adjourned 10:13am

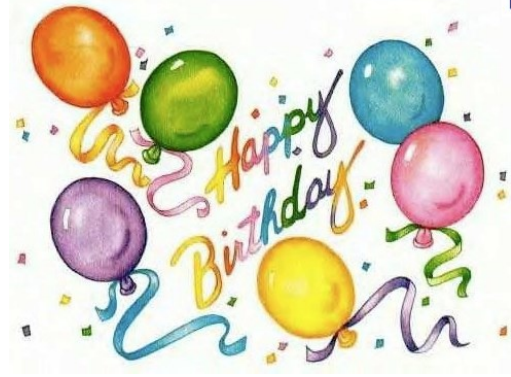
2022 CALENDAR OF ACTC EVENTS

Be sure to answer Evite or call Bob that you are coming to the meeting!!!

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 third Sunday of the month 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 December 11th Christmas Party
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October Birthdays

Cathy Burklund	10/1
Ken Goldstein	10/4
Denis Frank	10/10
Jo Cannold	10/10
Michael Trapasso	10/11
Mary Lee Winer	10/11
Yvonne Wagner	10/15
Linda Thurston	10/18
Tom Hanby	10/22
Gary Thompson	10/23
Doni Bodell	10/28
Sharon Ames	10/28



PLEASE NOTE !

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



October Anniversaries

Jerry and Mary Bruce
Kerry and Jody Pokorski
Bob and Kathy Michele
Jim and Sherri Rodgers
Paul and Jean Fruscello
Stuart and Jo Cannold

Payson Cruise-In 2022

This year's run to Payson for the Beeline Cruise-In differed a little from last year. Mainly, we left earlier and didn't get caught in the massive traffic jam that kept us from getting up there before dark. And we had our own personal photographer getting shots of us as we passed by. Don Henderson's daughter Camille came with us in her own vehicle and brought her own equipment to document our trip. She also interviewed most of the drivers in our group, and we're thinking that once this makes it to YouTube we might be famous (ok—that might be stretching it, cars and the club).

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Keep your Fuel Cool

We drove our '56 T-Bird to the 2016 CTCI Convention in San Diego with the final aluminum proto-type of the A-432 spacer installed. We were running the AC and I was pleased when we topped the 4,000 Foot Carpenter Summit at 11:30 AM with the temperature gauge on the right end of the white bar.

After a great Convention we were one of four T-Birds headed towards Phoenix. When we stopped for fuel in Yuma it was noon, and the temperature was 107°. Someone spotted a sandwich and ice cream shop, so after the tanks were full, we parked the T-Birds in front of the sandwich shop and enjoyed lunch while the T-birds soaked up the heat from Mr. Sun.

After lunch we were the last car to take the ramp to eastbound I-8, and I was surprised when the car wouldn't accelerate, and then the engine stalled completely. I flashed my lights and Ken Falkenberry took the next off ramp and I was able to coast off I-8 to the bottom of the ramp. Opening the hood provided two clues. First, the air coming out was hotter that I had ever experienced and second the fuel in filter glass was boiling like I was brewing coffee!

We wrapped some polishing rags around the fuel pump and fuel filter, secured them with zip ties, soaked them with water and I was able to limp home in approximately 40 mile stretches between stops to re-soak the rags.

Reflecting on the new vapor lock issue, I realized the following aggravating factors. Before installing the A-432 spacer, we could not have driven the car in the temperatures experienced on this trip.

The improved coolant flow was getting more heat out of the engine, unfortunately it was dumped into the engine bay.

Because Aluminum is a better conductor than cast iron, the prototype spacer was conducting significantly more heat into the area of the fuel pump, Z-line, and fuel filter.

Researching the fuel system in the 1956 FORD Car Shop Manual, on page 111 there is a reference to "protective loom". This led me to check the fuel lines for proper installation of "loom" (insulation). And finding no loom on the fuel line routed from the union on the outside of the left rear frame, up over the axel and then down to the fuel tank connection, I started a search for a car with fuel line insulation or a reference document on the subject. I have looked for loom on most of the T-birds I have seen in the last six years and not found any. More on that latter.

To determine where the fuel line was gaining heat, I procured thermocouples and a four-channel monitor to instrument the car for temperature readings at (1) the tank connection, (2) the union on left rear frame, (3) bolted clip at left front frame, and the (4) fuel line adjacent to the carburetor.

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The first test drive was in 114° ambient temperature. After 45 minutes of surface street and freeway driving, temperature readings were:

Fuel Tank at connection - 139°

Union on left rear frame - 151°

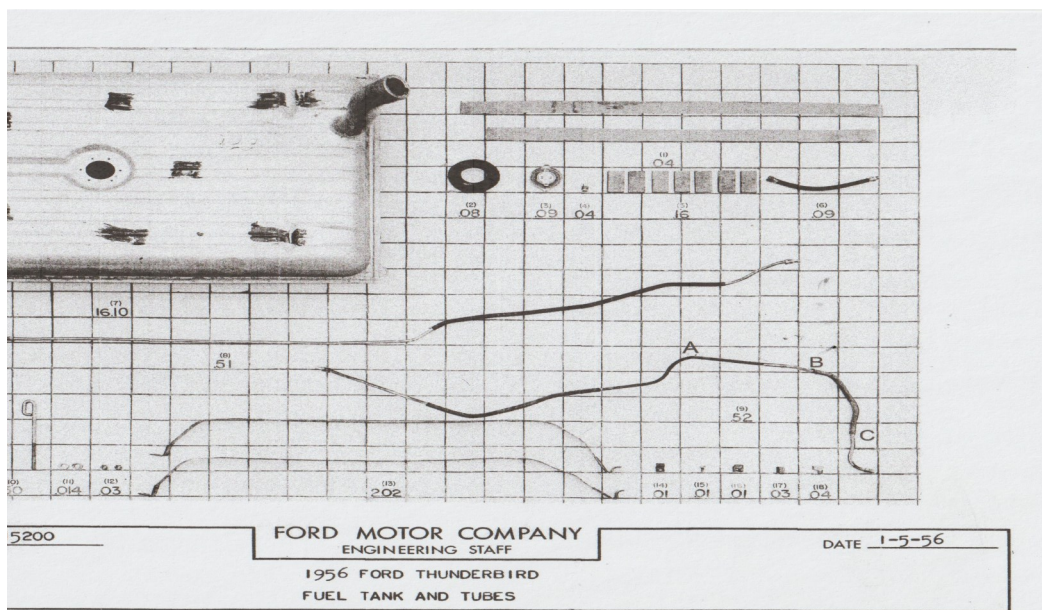
Left front frame bolted clip - 168°

Fuel line at the carburetor - 178°

These temperatures made it clear that a reference for proper installation of loom was critical. Fellow CTCL board member John Smith had told me about a Ford Benchmarking program. As I understand it, this program that took an early example of a new model car as it came off the assembly line to their fuel system. It took some time, but John answered my request with the document in Fig. 1. This black and white photograph is a wealth of information and at least one question.

The section of fuel line that connects with the tank is called out as **A**. The loom in question runs between **B** and **C**. It is lighter in color, appears to be thicker and fuzzier than the other two sections of loom. I believe it is a chemical-resistant, fibrous form of magnesium silicate, commonly referred to as asbestos. If that is the case, it would explain why I haven't seen it on any cars to date. Asbestos would have been blown away over the 64 years since the last model of the classic Thunderbirds was built.

Next month I'll cover what to do to combat vapor lock.



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but it was fun to see her get the shots of us traveling and talking about our cars and club). We were famous, at least in our own minds.

We got to the hotel too early to check in, but we were able to get in by 2:30PM and then over to the start of the cruise of the show cars through town, which started at 3:30PM. On the cruise we went through parts of Payson, many of us had never seen, and all the while the local police/highway patrol kept the regular traffic at bay so we didn't have to stop at every light and stop sign. At one point on the route, we did a 180 turnaround at a senior assisted living facility where everyone was out on the front sidewalk appreciating our efforts to show them our vehicles. The cool thing about the turnaround was that we were able to see all the vehicles moving in the parade, as the lead vehicles were now heading toward us, and once we turned around that back half of the pack cruised by. Normally you only get to see the few cars that are next to you. The cruise started and ended in Rumsey Park where the burger burn was scheduled. The show organizers did a good job of getting everyone through the lines efficiently, and this year they had extra burgers at the end (apparently, they ran out last year). And ice cream for dessert, can't beat that. Then it was back to the hotel and our usual happy hour in the outside back area.

Saturday was show time, and though we got there fairly early, we couldn't get parking together on the blacktop, so it was back to the sloping grass area. But this time we were able to park on the opposite side of the walkway, away from the slope, so we had no rollovers this year. The rain forecast was for 30% chance, but it held off until the show was over and we were headed back to the hotel. Our birds showed well, and we did have one bird in the top 20: Ken Falkenberry and Virginia Snyder's Pink '57 got a plaque, along with Jim Rodger's '65 Mustang "wagon." Another winner in the club was Brett Williams, who won the tool box he was coveting in the raffle prize area. At about 3PM we were headed back to the hotel. Our birds showed well, and we did have one bird in the top 20: Ken Falkenberry and Virginia Snyder's Pink '57 got a plaque, along with Jim Rodger's '65 Mustang "wagon." Another winner in the club was Brett Williams, who won the tool box he was coveting in the raffle prize area. At about 3PM we were headed back to the hotel, and then the rain started. We were glad it held off until the show's end.

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Our Happy Hour was a special treat this year, as Beverly & Frank Saccente treated everyone to a fantastic spread of all kinds of veggies, meats and cheeses, other snack stuff, and beer and wine to boot. Nobody had to bring anything, and it was all great and very much appreciated by the club members. And so was the fact that Beverly got permission from the hotel to use the breakfast room instead of the outside back area, which was a whole lot better than hanging out in the rain (and there were bathrooms inside too).

Even though we probably didn't need dinner after all the goodies, we went over to Fargo's Steakhouse anyway, which was practically next door, and had another fine meal and good service. ACTC folks like to eat! (But you probably already knew that).

Sunday was getaway day, and a few folks left super early, and the rest of us got the free breakfast from the hotel before heading down the hill. No car problems were reported, so that makes it a good trip. It was great to enjoy the time with our fellow T-birders.

---Tom and Yvonne Wagner



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JUST A REMINDER

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NIGHT AT THE PAVILLIONS

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Back row west of Mc Donald's

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