

Thunderbird Special

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No, this is not the 2025 Thunderbird. It's just an example of what you can see on the Barrett Jackson show now on between the football games. It's just a reminder of the car season that will eventually get here. Our club officers are already working on proposed calendar events so if you have any ideas for a cruise or any event; contact them. They would appreciate your input.

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February Meeting Info

Location Saturday February 15th at the

Pizza Pub 5660 Bishop Ave, Inver Grove Heights.

Social hour: 12:00-1:00, Meeting 1:00.

Menu: Pizza and Salad Bar, unlimited soft drink & breadsticks.

Price: \$25/person , Tax and Gratuity included.

Any left over pizza can be taken home but not the salad.

See map on page 8.

Merchandise Info

Item	* note: 2XL or larger additional cost	Cost w/logo
Lt weight jacket, black only		\$71.20 w/name see note
Heavy weight jacket, black only		\$109.98 w/name see note
Crewneck sweatshirt		\$26.89 w/emblem see note
Hooded full zip sweatshirt		\$38 w/emblem
Denim jacket (mens or ladies)		\$95.06 w/name see note
TShirts (mens or ladies)		\$23.78 w/emblem see note
Polo Shirts Men or ladies		\$23.98 w/emblem see note
Caps		\$21.98 w/emblem

Any questions or issues, contact Darlene Roehl (her contact info is shown just to the left.

President's Message

Welcome to the year 2025. I trust that everyone enjoyed a fulfilling end to 2024 and that this new year brings you much success and happiness. In January, the Board Members convened to outline plans for the upcoming year. If you have any enjoyable activities or potential cruise ideas for the club, please do not hesitate to contact a board member so that we can help facilitate those suggestions. We are always receptive to new ideas.

On a different note, the recent fires in California have been devastating. I sincerely hope that none of you have family members affected by this disaster; if you do, please know that the club extends its heartfelt prayers to them during this challenging time. Such experiences are truly difficult to endure.

Not too much else to write about at this time. Looking forward to seeing you all at the February Meeting. Remember if you have not paid your dues they are due. Please get them in.

See you soon and until then, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

Sincerely,

Deborah Vangel -Club President

Member's Special Days

January Birthdays

3...Bruce Nelson	14...Pat Hartell
8...Annette Dominguez	15...Bob Cipolle
8...Celeste	17...Pete Bauer
8...Ted Roehl	18...Cliff Lieske
11...Bob Cornish	22...Floyd Stocker
12...Larry Beno	

January Anniversaries

7...David & Karen Larson
12...Jack & Leila Nessen
21...Ron & Betsy Moey

February Birthdays

6...Judi Copeland	19...Jack Nessen
11...Tom Knight	22...Lois Hendricks
12...Dahlia Beno	24...Kathy Norlien
13...Theresa Cornish	28...Don Hunt
20...Stan Jirasek	

February Anniversaries

13...Brad & Judi Copeland
16...Greg & Jackie Dockter

January Outing Wrap Up & Photos

This past Sunday was our club's January Outing, 24 members took part in this event. We weren't quite sure what to expect but we followed Jennifer and Brent anyway. What a fun afternoon we had. It was held at the Majestic Oaks golf course. It was a play of a wedding of two families that had a family dispute going on between them. You just never knew which family member would start an argument with the other family. They needed some help so they picked our own vice president to play the part. Donn fit right in and looked like he was having fun as well. It was fun to say the least. You just never knew where to look to see what was going on between the members of these two families.

They also served a brunch which everybody seemed to enjoy. We want to thank Jennifer and Brent for organizing this event, one we won't forget for a while.



Our own Donn Olson playing a part and it looked like he was having fun doing it.



Want Ads 2003 Retro For Sale by Club Member

2003 Retro for sale by a new member of the club

Exterior color Desert Sky Blue Interior color black and cream

Milage: 143,600

Car originally came from Tennessee

3.9 V8 Automatic

Asking \$10K firm

Contact info: Allen at 763-226-5473

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Club History File by Randy Mattson

30 YEARS AGO...

According to *The Thunderbird Special*, January & February, 1995

- Officers were: Cliff Lieske – Pres, Randy Mattson – VP, Jack Nessen – Treasurer, Fern Langer – Secretary, Russ Andring – Member @ Large, John Ryan, Steve Seltz and Terry Warner – Newsletter Editors.
- January's meeting was at the Park Tavern in Bloomington. 35 members attended. A new radio/PA system was used for the 1st time.
- We need 26 people to volunteer to help with security for the World of Wheels.
- The *Love at First Flight* article was submitted by Doug Bakkene.
- New members were Jim & Bernice Schwale with a '64 hardtop, Don & Donna Peterson from Winona with a 4 door T-Bird, Jason Wurst from St Cloud and Walter & Gladys Reichman from Hamel with a '65 silver mink hardtop.
- February's meeting will be at the Park Tavern in Bloomington.

20 YEARS AGO...

According to *The Thunderbird Special*, February, 2005

- Officers were: John Ryan – Pres, Mike Abbott – VP, John Colehour – Treasurer, Sandy Madson – Secretary, Rick Madson – Member @ Large, Randy & Cindy Mattson – Newsletter Editors.
- January's meeting had a good attendance at Al Baker's on a cold, bitter night.
- 2 more Thunderbird clubs joined our North Central Region of the VTCI: Mid-Kansas VTC based in Wichita, KS and Hoosier VTC based in northern IN.
- Jack Nessen informed us that the 10th anniversary Motor-loway is taking registrations.
- Dakota Technical College invited our club to their Focus Car Show. Cars will be judged by technical instructors.
- February's meeting will be at Broadway Pizza in Fridley.

10 YEARS AGO...

According to *The Thunderbird Special*, February, 2015

- Officers were: Cliff Lieske – Pres, Jerry Johnson – VP, Randy Mattson – Treasurer, Gloria Lonergan – Secretary, Jay White – Member @ Large, Cliff Lieske – Newsletter Editor.
- The January dinner outing at Medina Ballroom was a good time until the band went into a number of loud rock songs. Our club is aging.
- The VTCI's International this year is in Kelowna, BC, Canada. Who's going?
- New members this month are Judy Aunet & Kim Culp from Superior, WI. They have a 2002 T-Bird and several other cars. Judy is the secretary and newsletter editor of the Twin Ports

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VTCI *Membership Application Form*

NAME: _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / PROVINCE _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES NO

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES NO

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES NO

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: _____

YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____

*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada	All Other Countries
January / February	\$40.00	\$60.00
March / April	\$35.00	\$55.00
May / June	\$30.00	\$45.00
July / August	\$25.00	\$40.00
September / October	\$55.00	\$90.00 includes next year
November / December	\$50.00	\$80.00 includes next year



VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

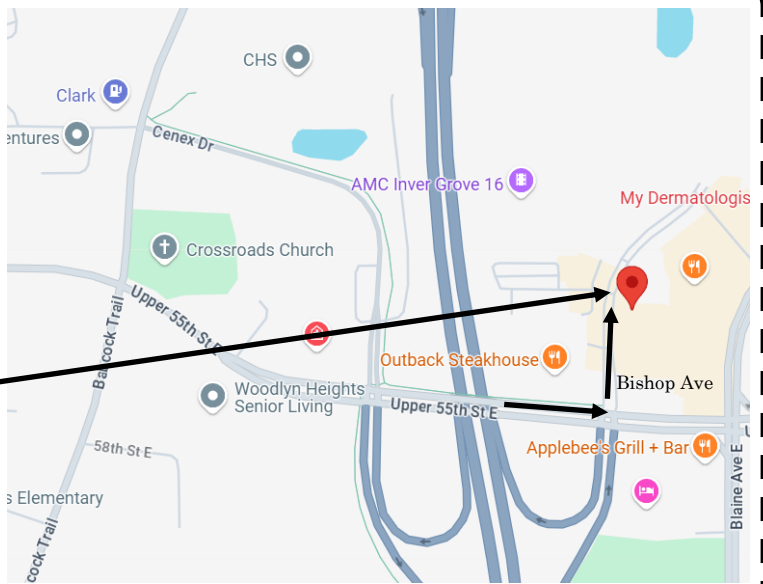
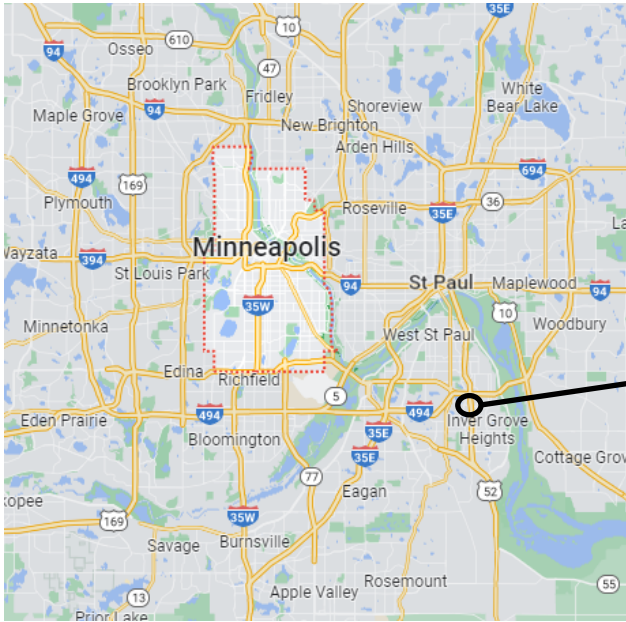
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Signature _____

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Vintage Thunderbird Club International

P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

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