

Thunderbird Special

A Thunderbird Midwest Club publication

April 2025 issue

Visit our Website: thunderbirdmidwest.com



April Meeting Info Merchandise	2
President's message March Meeting Minutes	3
VTCl 2025 Convention Info	4
VTCl 2025 Convention Registration	5
2025 Club Calendar	6
VTCl Registration Form	7
Spring Cruise Plans Dam Days Info	8
Want Ad Special Days	9
Map to meeting place	10



It looks like and feels like spring already. Could it be true or will snow be forecasted?

Vintage Thunderbird Club International
From 1955 to 2005 All years welcome
The VTCl is for you



Contact: Jack Wake
secretary4vtci@gmail.com
OR visit
www.vintage thunderbirdclub.net
and join VTCl online!



Deb Vangel—President

9324 5th Ave S
 Bloomington, MN 55420
 904-614-2934
 Vangel.Deborah@gmail.com

Donn Olson—V.President

6245 263rd Street
 Wyoming, MN 55092
 651-260-6961
 olsod55@gmail.com

Randy Mattson—Treasurer

4380 245th St.
 Forest Lake, MN 55025
 651-464-7581
 randy.mattson18@gmail.com

Jennifer Hepler—Secretary

19152 Ismay Path
 Lakeville, MN 55044
 612-723-8447
 jjhepler@hotmail.com

Darlene Roehl—**Member-at-Large**

20511 Kalmeadow Court
 Lakeville, MN 55044
 952-469-6448
 t-roehl@charter.net

Gloria Lonergan—**Activity Director**

203 Sidney St,
 Morristown, MN 55052
 507-685-4486
 glonergan66@yahoo.com

Cliff Lieske—**Newsletter Editor****Webmaster**

2501 38th Ave NE #163
 St. Anthony MN 55421
 612-616-3862
 cwlieske@comcast.net

April Meeting Info

Stockyard Tavern 456 Concord Exchange S, South St Paul, Social Hr
 Noon-1:00 Meeting at 1:00 PM

1. Mac & Cheese - creamy cheddar and smoked gouda with rotisserie chicken served with ciabatta bread

2. Cobb Salad - Egg, tomato, avocado, applewood smoked bacon, amablu crumbles, choice of dressing, served with cibatta bread

3. Cuban Sandwich - pork carnitas, ham, pickel, swiss, carolina mustard on asiago-crusted ciabatta hoagie served with choice of kettle chips, tavern fries, tots, cole-slaw, or mixed greens salad,

4. Patty Melt - caramelized onion, muenster, cheddar, horseradish aioli on sauerk-rout sourdough served with choice of kettle chipes, tavern fries, tots, coleslaw, or mixed greens salad

5. Cod Sliders - hand -battered, lettuce, tomato, tarter served with choice of kettle chips, tavern fries, tots, coleslaw, or mixed greens salad

All selections cost is \$25.00. Included is a soft drink, tax, and tip.
 If paying by check, make it out to Thunderbird Midwest.

Your caller will contact you the weekend prior to the meeting. If for whatever reason you don't receive a call before the Thursday before the meeting, contact by email or phone Donn Olson with the number

Club Merchandise

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

If you have any questions concerning the merchandise, please contact Darlene Roehl: her contact info is just above and to the left on this page. You can also see additional info on these items on our Website, Thunderbirdmidwest.com.

President's Message

Just when you thought winter was over, we had to get the April snow. Defiantly hope that was it for the winter since we are now into Spring. It's time to get those Thunderbirds ready to drive around and show off. I look forward to what our activities coordinator has planned for the year. I would recommend that if you have not been to the Eagles Center that you join in on the cruise, we will be taking on May 18th which is Thunderbird Appreciation Day., I have only been to the Eagle Center once so I look forward to going back there. I am always in aww when I see Eagles flying around and they are one of my favorite birds.

As always, if you have any recommendations of things the club and do differently or any fun activities, cruises etc. you think the club might enjoy please let us know. We are always up to doing something different.

Remember that the club has a Facebook page: [Thunderbird Midwest | Facebook](#). Will be looking to making the page more active this year.

Sincerely, Deborah Vangel Club President

March 2025 T-Bird Club Meeting Minutes

- On Saturday, March 15, 2025, the Thunderbird Midwest March meeting was held at the Richfield VFW with 39 members in attendance. The meal choices were a California burger, a walleye sandwich, hot turkey sandwich, or a taco salad. All the entrees came with a soft drink.
- President Deb Vangel called the meeting to order. She went over birthdays, anniversaries, and the calendar for 2025. There were some new members present, and they introduced themselves.
- The club's first car show of the season will be in Morristown, MN for Dam Days on Saturday May 31st. Gloria and Jim Lonergan will host a potluck at their home as part of this annual event.
- Club event planner Gloria Lonergan shared details of the spring cruise. It includes a visit to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN to coincide with Thunderbird Appreciation Day on Sunday May 18th. Lunch will be at the Nelson, WI Creamery. A private eagle event for our group is scheduled at 2:00. A sign-up sheet was distributed or contact Gloria for information if interested. Details and cost will be in the upcoming newsletter.
- Our club picnic will be held on Saturday, July 19th at Cliff-Fen Park in Burnsville, MN. Thank you to our members and Burnsville residents Karen & David Larson for securing the reservation.
- President Deb played a YouTube video of the history of the Ford Thunderbird
- throughout all the different generations. The free meal card was won by Nancy Biermann. The 52/49/49 game was won by Iris Huber, Jennifer Hepler, and Ron Moey.
- The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19th at 1:00pm at Stockyards Tavern & Chophouse in South St. Paul. Social hour begins at 12:00pm.
- Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Hepler, Club Secretary

VTCI/CTCI International Convention

2025 VTCI & CTCI International Concours Convention



***September 9-13, 2025
Embassy Suites Grapevine, Texas***

On September 9-13, the VTCI will join with the CTCI to convene their first joint International Convention in Grapevine, Texas, just north of Dallas, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. With an agenda featuring guest speakers, live entertainment, special tours to the Texas Motor Speedway, the Dallas Cowboys Stadium, and the George W Bush Presidential Library, the Grapevine event will offer something for everyone - including some of the best Thunderbirds in the nation strutting their stuff for Concours Judging.

Never been to a VTCI International convention? You've missed out on some good times. This one is special with the VTCI and the CTCI joining together. Should be a great convention.

Are you willing to serve as a judge? ☐ Yes ☐ No Do you want to exhibit at the Swap Meet ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you a First Timer ☐ Yes ☐ No Event/Membership Form: for Non-VTCI Members Wishing to be Judged/Attend on Website

** Registration deadline for cars to be judged-August 12, 2025 (No Exceptions)**													Qty	Cost	Total
Registration Fee		Couple/Family (children under 18 included) (Enter #1 for a couple)											70		
		Single (Individuals over age 18)											45		
Wed, Sept 10th		1PM AT&T Stadium (Includes Motor Coach and AT&T admission)											65		
Thurs, Sept 11th		9AM-12PM VTCI BOD and General Membership Mtg/Judge Training Follows											Incl		
		1PM-3PM (Attendee Choice) Driving Tour to Texas Motor Speedway (TMS) (Minimum 75 cars required...includes admission, track services and insurance costs)											80		
		1PM-3PM (Attendee Choice) George Bush Presidential Library (Includes Motor Coach and Admission)											65		
Fri, Sept 12th		8AM-8:30AM Owners/Operators Meeting; VTCI Concours Judging at 9:30AM											Incl		
		10AM-2PM Dallas Arboretum-incl bus/admission-for car owners not involved with Concours judging--lunch on own											65		
		6PM All Thunderbird Bistro Buffet with Cash Bar (Various Recognition Awards)											55		
		7PM Entertainment Sponsored by Platinum Sponsor Hills Automotive Classic Car Restoration and Parts											N/C		
Sat, Sept 13th		7AM Swap Meet-Hotel Parking Lot											Incl		
		10AM-3PM Driving Tour: Sam Pack's Private Automobile Collection; Lunch; and stop at Minter's Thunderbird Restoration facility for VIP Tour											N/C		
		10AM On Your Own Tour of Historic Grapevine - Free Shuttle as available											N/C		
		5:30PM Cocktails w/cash bar/6:30PM Banquet; Plated. Mark preference. Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Steak _____ Dietary meal _____											65		
Polo Shirt	S		M		L		XL		2XL		3XL			35	
T-Shirt	S		M		L		XL		2XL		3XL			25	

\$

US/Funds
Total
Enclosed

If you want a better copy, either go online to the VTCI website and print it from there. I am willing to send hard copies via US Mail to any member wanting this form. Just let me know.
Cliff

JANUARY

No Club Meeting

MARCH

15...Meeting-VFW

MAY

10—**Club Meeting-Broadway Pizza**

1PM, Social Hr Noon-1

18—**Spring cruise.** Wabasha Eagle

Center+Cruise—TBird Appreciation Day

31—**Dam Days-Morristown**

JULY

19—**Club Picnic-Park**

TBD—All Ford Show Spire Building

2025 Larpenter Ave W Falcon Hts

SEPTEMBER

6_Jesse James Car Show Northfield

21_**Club Meeting-TBD**

1PM Social hr Noon-1

NOVEMBER

16_**Club Meeting-TBD**

1PM Social hr Noon-1

FEBRUARY

17—**Club Meeting-Broadway Pizza**

1PM Social hr Noon-1

APRIL

20..**Club Meeting-Stockyard Tavern:**

1PM Social hr Noon-1

456 Concord Exchange S, South St Paul,

1PM Social hr Noon-1

JUNE

14—**Club Meeting-Caspers** *1PM,*

Social Hr Noon-1

20-22—**Back-to-the-50's**

Fair grounds

AUGUST

16—Club Meeting– Inver Grove Heights-

Pizza Pub *1PM, Social Hr Noon-1*

OCTOBER

5—Fall Cruise

19—**Club Meeting-TBD**

1PM Social hr Noon-1

DECEMBER

1—**Club Christmas Party-Caspers**

in Eagan

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
January / February	\$40.00
March / April	\$35.00
May / June	\$30.00
July / August	\$25.00
September / October	\$55.00
November / December	\$50.00

All Other Countries
\$60.00
\$55.00
\$45.00
\$40.00
\$90.00 includes next year
\$80.00 includes next year



VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

(if different from above-please print) _____

Signature _____

Please make check payable & mail to:

Vintage Thunderbird Club International

P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.

Spring Cruise/TBird Day Info

For our SPRING CRUISE this year, we are going to go to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha. This event is scheduled for SUNDAY MAY 18TH. This is in conjunction with the annual **Thunderbird Appreciation Day**. This is a special day as it commemorates Thunderbird's 70th Anniversary.

For the event at the Eagle Center, admission is \$10 for seniors and \$12 for non seniors. We have reserved a private presentation at 2:00.

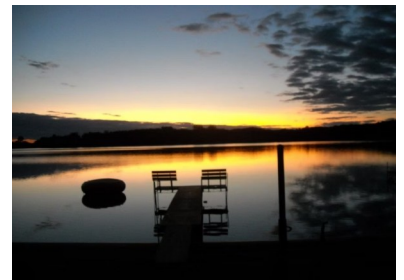
We will meet at 9:30 at the **truck stop on 21. This is exit 59 off of 35** Note: There will be more details in the May newsletter). We will proceed to Wabasha. Lunch will be approximately 11:30 at Nelson's Creamery in Nelson, WI. Just 3 miles across the river. There will be a sign up sheet at the April meeting. If you are not able to make this meeting and would like to join us you can call me, Gloria, at 507-685-4486.



Dam Days——Saturday May 30th

Our annual Dam Days Car Show in Morristown will be Saturday, May 31st. We will again meet at McDonalds highway 35 exit 81. Leaving at 8:15.

There will be a Pot Luck at noon at the Lonergan's. Bring a dish to pass and your beverage of choice. The club furnishes the hamburgers and Brats. There will be a sign up sheet at both the April and May meetings. If you won't be at one of these meetings and would like to come you may call me, Gloria at 507-685-4486.



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

Car originally came from Tennessee

Milage: 143,600 3.9 V8 Automatic

Asking \$10K firm

Contact info: Allen at 763-226-5473



Member's Special Days

April Birthdays

12...Dave Boedeker 18...Diane Blazevic
14...Marilyn Davern 18...Donn Olson
16...Bobbi Fischbein 19...Jim Halvorson
17...Tom Head

Your special day not listed? Send me your info

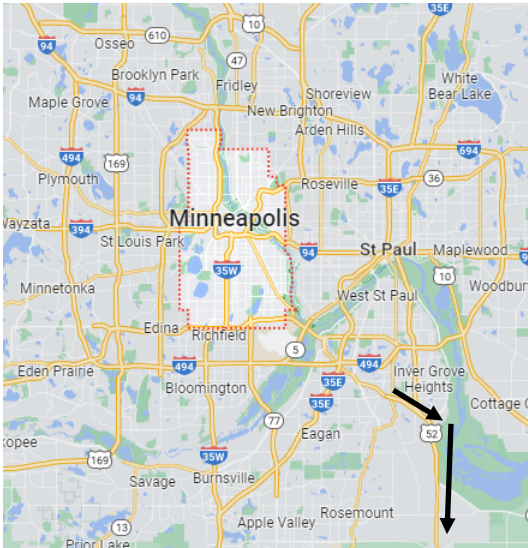
April Anniversaries

9...Roger & Jan Boelter
14...Ken & Alice Crosbie
15...Steve & Jane Rollin



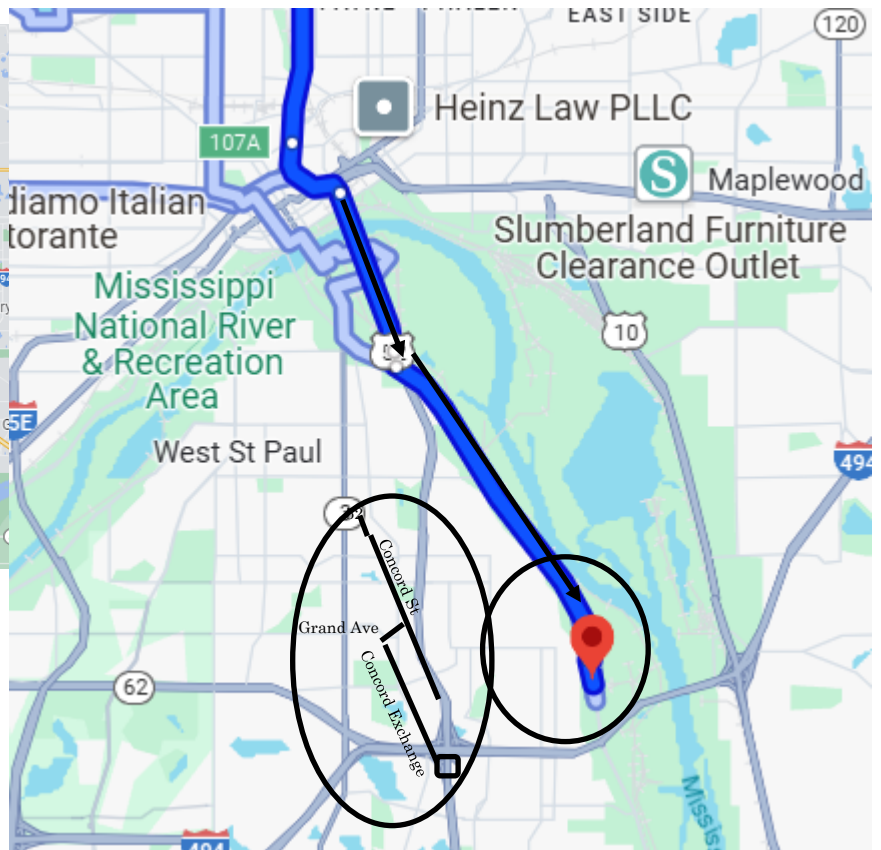
**Confuse your doctor
by putting on
rubber gloves at the
same time he does.**

**A wife, being the romantic
sort, sent her husband a
text: "If you are sleeping,
send me your dreams. If
you are laughing, send me
your smile. If you are eating,
send me a bite. If you are
drinking send me a sip. If
you are crying, send me
your tears. I love you!"
The husband, typically non-
romantic, replied: "I am on
the toilet. Please advise."**



Stockyard Tavern
456 Concord Exchange S, South St Paul,
Hope you have GPS. Going south on HWY 52, exit onto Concord St...go left on Grand Ave, Go south on Concord Exchange. The tavern will be on your right. Less than a mile from Grand Ave.

The Tavern's phone: 651-350-7743.



Cliff & Pat Lieske

2501 38th Ave NE #163

St Anthony, MN 55421