



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2022

The weather is getting warmer, days are getting longer and Spring is just around the corner. Covid cases are diminishing and restrictions are slowly being lifted. These are all encouraging signs for the return of our beloved Thunderbirds to come out of hibernation and return to the roads.

We come out of one crisis that has eliminated SOTC activities for the past two years and then go back into another troublesome situation, that being the Ukraine invasion. This has resulted in a great increase in the price of gasoline, as I write this article, gas is 184.6 a litre and expected to go much higher. I use premium fuel in my Thunderbirds which means that the price of fuel is even higher for me and those that use that grade of gasoline. After the past two years, that is not going to stop me from venturing onto the highways to attend SOTC events, car shows and cruise nites.

Tech Day: I am pleased to report that our first SOTC event for the year, Tech Day is a go for Sunday, May 15th 9.30 a.m. Dave and Helen Sawchuk have graciously agreed to host this event at their residence at 94 Hwy #8, Greensville. Martin Brugmans and Mort White will be sharing their knowledge on the unique problems and repairs to our Thunderbirds. Mort's knowledge is mostly in the era of 1961 – 1966 Thunderbirds. Both Martin and Mort would appreciate our members contacting them with their specific problem prior to Tech Day so they can prepare themselves for the demonstrations. Martin can be contacted at (519) 582-3920 or mbrugman@nor-del.com. Mort can be contacted at (519) 862-2401 or downriverwhites@gmail.com. If you are planning to attend this event it would be appreciated if you could advise Hamilton/Niagara Region Co-ordinator – Fred Foster at (905) 336-0747 or ffoster5@cogeco.ca so that we have some idea of the number of members attending. Bring a lawn chair. As SOTC has not been able to hold any events for the past two years, I would expect a good turn-out for our first event.

Website: Visiting the Southern Ontario Thunderbird Club website, you may have noticed that the website has not been updated for quite some time, new executive members, club events, photos, etc. An unfortunate situation occurred! The person that our club pays to handle our website left the country for his winter home in late Fall and forgot to take one of his computers containing our website. He contacted our website contact, Ron McLennan and advised that he could set up a temporary website. A decision had to be made; there was no way that we could contact all the members with information for the temporary website. It was decided that it was in the best interest of the club to leave things as they are. The website will be updated in April when he returns. Mistakes happen that part of life.

- Thunderbird – pick out a runway and prepare to soar -

Dan