

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year 2022 has really been a trying time for all of us. We just started to come out of the covid pandemic with dreams of some kind of normalcy, and then we are sliding back into a 7th wave of covid. On top of that we have the Russian invasion of Ukraine causing instability around the world, sky high gasoline and food prices causing a ripple effect leading to inflation with the possibility of a recession. Instability in the real-estate market has resulted in huge gains for some people, headaches for others. Then we had the Rogers network nightmare crash that paralyzed a high percentage of people for about 15 hours. Don't kid yourself, it will happen again. Two lessons to be learned from that disaster, don't put all your eggs in one basket and cash is still king, even though there is talk of doing away with cash. For decades the world has been rolling along with no major issues effecting most of us. This era in history is something that we are not used to. We will get through this as we have in the past. Take a few moments to go out and look at your Thunderbird and think about that time era, it may put a smile on your face and make you feel better. Better yet, get in that Thunderbird, turn the key and get out on the road and travel back in time to a better place.

Congratulations to Steve Taylor (Northern Region Co-ordinator) and Mary Anne Collins for hosting "Thunderbird Get Together" on June 25th in Coldwater, Ontario. By all accounts it was a success with 11 Thunderbirds attending this event with several favorable comments. Hopefully, this will lead to future events in the Northern region. Glad to hear that Ian Greer from North Bay was able to make that event. Ian has been a dedicated SOTC member travelling a great distance to attend several SOTC events in southern Ontario. Several years ago I ran into Ian at a Tim Horton's in North Bay, right away we recognized knew each other. That just shows how extensive the coverage of SOTC and the love of Thunderbirds are.

As I write this message, I have just returned from our main SOTC event, "Twenty-Third Annual All Thunderbird Show" at the Canadian Legion, Lambeth. After an absence of two years, due to covid, around 69 Thunderbirds once again flocked to this location. The show was a huge success with many favorable comments. A young lady, Melanie, from Courtland, Ontario arrived with a 55 T-Bird. Wonderful to see a young person getting involved in Thunderbirds. Here is hoping that she becomes a member of SOTC.

Our next event will be at the **Oil Museum of Canada, in Oil Springs, Ontario, on Saturday, August 20th at 1.00 p.m.** After the tour we will be attending a barbecue at Brett Kahler's (Southwest Region Co-ordinator) nearby residence. Brett's address will be given to you the day of the event. Plan to attend as this event, will be very informative and a lot of fun.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Kwong Hum at the age of 90, Kwong joined SOTC in 1979, the founding year of The Southern Ontario Thunderbird Club. Kwong owned a 1962 Thunderbird sports roadster, a 1960 Thunderbird sunroof and several other classic vehicles. He also hosted at least one event at his Chinese restaurant in the 1980's. Condolences and prayers go out to the Hum family.

Thunderbird – The Ford creation that I truly love!

Dan

