

Do you have any **Skin in the game?**
2024 message from T- Bird Ralph

For any organization to be successful its members must have some **”skin in the Game”** for the club to be meaningful for them as individual members. When you have **“ skin in the game”** it means that you are getting value form belonging by making an individual contribution in making your club stronger and better!

We have grown from 25 members in 3 years to almost 80 members. As a fledging getting reorganized club in October we accomplished after a year of planning a very successful CTCI Regional Convention. If you as a member stepped up and contributed to that success then you had **“skin in the game”** and pride for a job well done!

The first commitment that you can make as a classic T- Bird owner is to have your Bird ready & your calendar marked. Then attend the 3rd Saturday Spanish Springs cruise in. Why is this important? We go in as a club. We have excellent exposure for our classic Birds. We recruit new members and we stir up interest. Plus we get great coverage in the Daily Sun!

Over half our membership has other year T-Birds like 02-05 and other years Birds up to 1968. For the Regional our club added more new members than any other club to CTCI. Jeff Burgy & Bob Lewis had **“skin in the game”** and are the members who set up the judging criteria and for the first convention ever – Judged the modern classic 2-seater Birds! Carole Ferguson has **“skin in the game”** and a huge commitment by doing a newsletter that has really grown in coverage & stature.

Gene Hallman does a great tech advice column from time to time. Jeff Burgy’s excellent photo coverage & Flicka albums for our events We have members like Joel McShane, Bob lewis, jeff Burgy, Ralph Simonson who have a wealth of T- Bird knowledge to help the members.

Thomas Zagar ,an original member from Winter Springs just added his **“skin to the game”** and has reconstructed and added to our centralfloridaclassicthunderbirdclub.net website
A great source of information That can be shared with all members

The question is what time, talent, expertise do you have that you can contribute to the betterment of the club?

Can you help Sandy - Blake & others set up – tear down the Wildwood meeting room? Can you help Larry with the 50/50 drawing? Maybe donate

or find items to donate. Can you come up with some creative ideas for food for the meetings?

Do you have event ideas that we haven't considered or done? Do you have contacts/sources that can help members service & maintain their Birds.

Take PRIDE in your Thunderbird Club. Help it grow and know that you contributed to the clubs success because you had some "Skin in the Game"

Let's have some T- Bird Fun in 2004- Respectfully T- Bird Ralph
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