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A motion was presented to the BOD allowing non-VTCI members to show their Thunderbirds in any VTCI sanctioned regional or international convention. There are several VTCI chapter presidents who have stated that their chapter would be willing to host a regional or international if the non-members of their club could have their cars on the concours field. The BOD has passed the initial motion. The motion was then sent out to the chapters by way of the regional directors. Several concerns were raised about the way the motion was written and some areas were not covered in the motion. The motion was then modified and then sent out to the BOD again.

The summary of the motion is as follows:

The non-member will be allowed to have their Thunderbirds on the concours field if they pay a registration fee. They will have some restrictions because they are not VTCI members. The non-member would pay the same registration fee as the VTCI membership if they want to have their cars judged. If the car is going to be into the display division then they would pay a \$25.00 registration fee. The reason for a \$25.00 display fee is to encourage them join the VTCI. Also, the display division does not require any judging time as it is people's choice. Non-members will pay the cost associated fee for any activities they choose to attend. The non-member would have full access to all events related at the VTCI event.

The non-member would also have to show proof and liability of insurance for their car. The VTCI insurance policy does not cover a non-member. A VTCI membership would have to be in place prior to the first day of the event in order to be covered with the VTCI policy.

The restrictions for a non-member would be (1) they could not be a judge, (2) their Thunderbird would not be eligible for a Best of Show / Larry Seyfarth award, or Senior status if they took a 1st place in a Primary Division, or any other extraordinary trophy. A non-member could be eligible for a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place award in any class from primary to display class. The non-member would be limited to one VTCI regional or international per year.

If a non-member wanted to become a VTCI member they would have to pay the pro-rata membership as published in the VTCI schedules in addition to the event registration fee.

The VTCI Constitution and Bylaws will be revised in Section 2.03.200 once this motion has been finalized.

There will be further details of this motion in a future issue of the Scoop. Right now this is a summary of the motion. This motion could be revised as time goes by and we try the non-member registrations at a few regionals and internationals.