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## Presidents Report

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The trip to the Ypsilanti Warehouse was not disappointing. Upon arrival the setting was perfect, a plain odd shaped building rich with history. At first you could not stop your eyes roving with excitement as well as every other visitor as well. Then as you settled in it was quite interesting to see such a variety of cars. You looked and thought, I have never seen that before and then realized there were several cars like that there.

Our club was invited to showcase a few of our prized Thunderbirds inside. Thank you, Nancy and Randy Talkowski, Steve and Kathleen Sieczka and David and Jo Lau for driving yours in.

The guest speaker was an Automotive Journalist that talked about the future of electric vehicles, big and small. She was very interesting and informative and took as many questions that we could ask. She also reassured us that our beloved cars were not going away.

No pictures were allowed which everyone respected.

Afterwards we headed over to Sidetrack Bar & Grill, a very cool restaurant.

Thanks, Keith, and Pam Bentley for providing interesting reviews of our visit.

**Friday April 19 – Motor City Solutions – 24331 Brest Rd., Taylor, MI 1:00 pm** – Tour this state-of-the-art facility. Restores lightweight composites, full restorations, and custom body work. After the tour venture over to Pete’s Place, 12245 Telegraph Rd., Taylor and enjoy lunch and car talk with follow club members. RSVP to JoAnn by Wed. April 17 via phone/text 248-719-0160 or email [joannbill801@comcast.net](mailto:joannbill801@comcast.net)

**Saturday May 25 – Spring Dust Off** – David and his team are working on details of cruise.

**Wayne Westland Community School District – Automotive Tech Department – Monday May 6, 2024 – 11:30 am.** 36455 Marquette St., Westland, MI. The WWTC Board of Directors voted to provide a \$1000.00 Vocational Scholarship to a student selected by the teachers at the facility. The students at this facility are from several school districts in the area.

On May 6 we are invited to bring our cars for the students to look at, tour the facility and we will be allowed 30 minutes for selected members to talk to the students.

JoAnn Rodriguez, President

*Happy Easter!*



## Are We Keeping Up with the Times?

By Barry Burnham, Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club Vice President

Updating our thinking is essential for survival because the world is constantly evolving. Whether it is technological advancements, changes in societal norms, or environmental shifts, the ability to adapt and embrace new ideas and perspectives is vital for our continued success and well-being. By updating our thinking, we can better understand and respond to the challenges and opportunities that arise in our personal and professional lives. This flexibility in thinking allows us to innovate, problem-solve, and evolve with the changing landscape, ultimately ensuring our relevance and resilience in an ever-changing world. This feeling of evolving and having new ideas is what will sustain our Thunderbird Club and make us relevant to each other and our members. As we move into 2024, let us not forget to explore new ideas and thinking.

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## **2024 Schedule of Events:**

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Sat. – Flat Rock Model Train

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Sat. – Yankee Air Museum

Mar – 7<sup>th</sup> Ypsilanti Warehouse

Apr – 19<sup>th</sup> Fri. Motor City Solutions

May 25<sup>th</sup> Sat. - Spring Dust Off

June 7<sup>th</sup> Fri. – Jeff Blados

July 14<sup>th</sup> Sun. – Annual Club Picnic

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - Pre-Dream Cruise

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> – All Thunderbird Day

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Sun. - Hines Park Cider Cruise

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – 2025 Planning Meeting

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Annual Club Christmas Party



## ENJOY THE SUMMER

**Fowlerville Fair grounds Swap Meet** – May 4, 2024 – 8:00-5:00

Vintage Motor Club of America

**TART Charter Bus to Gilmore Museum** – Tuesday, May 21 – \$45.00 Contact –

Doug Richman – [darichman@att.net](mailto:darichman@att.net) See Flyer in this month Newsletter

**Classics at the City Club – Saturday May 25, 2024 - Ann Arbor City Club** – 1830

Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104 - For additional information contact Greg

Fleming [-greg@annarborcityclub.org](mailto:-greg@annarborcityclub.org) or 734-662-3279

**TART/WWTC Joint Venture – Ford Piquette Plant Museum, Sunday June 2** – Visit

will include docent guided tour of the building and car collection. More information to follow

**Motor Muster – Greenfield Village – Saturday June 15 & Sunday June 16** – Cars

must be pre-registered

**Autos for Autism, Supporting Burger Autistic School – Monday June 17** –

[info@autosforautismgc.com](mailto:info@autosforautismgc.com)

**Wings & Wheels, Roush Aeronautics Center, Belleville - Saturday June 22 – 2:00**

**to 6:00** - [yankeeamuseum.org/vents](http://yankeeamuseum.org/vents)

**Ford Archives – 21500 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Thursday, June 20 – 1:00 – 2:00**

– Ciera Castel representing Ford Archives invited T-bird Clubs for tour of archives.

Meet in parking lot at 12:30 then after tour lunch at Buddy's, 22148 Michigan Ave.

Dearborn. Contact Steve Legel for further information and RSVP

[sclegel@comcast.net](mailto:sclegel@comcast.net)

**Hot Cars & Hot Cakes, Harry J Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne –**

**Saturday July 13 – 9:30 – 12:00** – Contact Barry Burnham 586-703-4435

**Classic Cruisers Car Show, Chelsea – Friday July 26** – Further information to follow

**Hines Cruise – Edward Hines Park – Sunday August 25 – 9:00 to 4:00** – Cars must

be 25 years or older – [www.cruisinhines.com](http://www.cruisinhines.com)

**Troy Traffic Jam 2024 – 60 W. Wattles Rd., Troy – Sunday August 4** Further

information to follow

**TARTC and WWTC Present**

**Bus to Gilmore**

**Tuesday, May 21**

**Ride in comfort to the Gilmore Museum**

**Bus will board at 8:00am**

**At the Meijer Parking Lot**

**8 Mile and Haggerty**

**Look for the Blue Lakes Bus**

**It is about a 2-hour trip to Gilmore**

**Bus is bathroom equipped**

**Bring a cooler if desired**

**You are on your own at the museum**

**Restaurants are available**

**The bus will reboard at 3:15pm**

**Museum admission is \$20**

**(\$18 for Veterans)**

**Cost for bus is \$45 per person**

**Space is Limited**

**Invite a friend if desired**

**Payment is due by Tuesday May 14**

**Make checks payable to TARTC**

**Mail to:**

**Dave Campbell**

**415 E Drahner**

**Oxford, Mi 48371**

## Sidetracks in Ypsilanti



### For Sale:

**1963 Ford Thunderbird** for sale for \$35,000. It has a 390ci V8 engine with 300 HP. The engine and transmission have been rebuilt. Original Arizona car purchased in 1982. All original sheet metal. Interior has been reupholstered. Front and rear bumpers have been replated. The car appeared in the 2012 film Detroit Unleaded. The car also appeared in the 2022 Autorama in Detroit. The Thunderbird won an award at the car show at Bakers in Milford. It also won first place in its category at the Water Wonderland Thunderbird show in Livonia.

Robert Duminske  
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**2002 Ford Thunderbird**, tuxedo black exterior and black interior, excellent condition, garage kept - no winter exposure. Asking \$22,000 which includes optional hardtop. > 21,600 miles, located Northville, Michigan, contact Mike Young 248 231 2071.

