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Presidents Report

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The club's trip to Stahl's Automotive Collection in April was very successful and was enjoyed by many of our members. Thank you, John & Barb O'Brien, for planning the day especially lunch at Sugarbush Tavern.

Spring Dust Off – Saturday May 27 – It that time of year to get the Bird dusted off and ready for a relaxing cruise down Michigan two lane roads. Meeting at 9:00 at the home of Jo & David Lau, 6871 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth. MI. Cruise will start at 9:30 on the way to Hell, Mi for a short break and see the sights. After driving thru Chelsea stopping at the Old Sharon Mills Ford Plant for a tour of the facility then on to Jerry's Pub for lunch. After lunch on to MSU Hidden Gardens, Tipton, MI. and is well worth the \$5.00 per person entrance fee. Final stop – Mickey's Dairy Twist in Saline. You will be given complete instructions of the route when arriving at the Lau home. Please RSVP to JoAnn via phone/text 248-719-0160 or e-mail joannbill801@comcast.net by Wednesday May 24th.

Maumee Club – Ford Flat Rock Tour – Wednesday May 31 – Tour 10:00 am

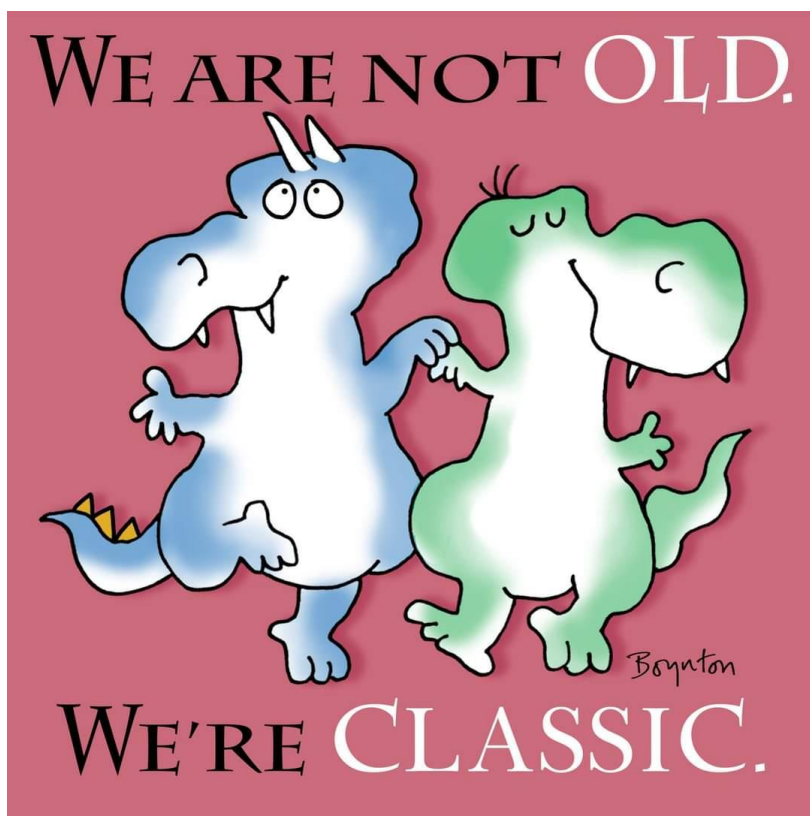
We should arrive by 9:30 and parking is in front of the Administration Building in the horseshoe. There will be a photographer taking pictures. If you prefer bring your lunch and we will be welcomed in the cafeteria to meet some new T Bird friends. A tram will pick us up for the tour. Please RSVP to JoAnn by Wednesday May 24th via phone/text 248-719-0160 or e-mail joannbill801@comcast.net.

ITC Reunion – Tuesday August 22 – Sunday August 27 - As our club is the ambassadors at this reunion, we will be recruiting volunteers to help with registration, the hospitality room, Saturday Car Show and many other activities during the reunion. If you have not sent your reservations, please get them in the mail soon and anyone planning to attend please let JoAnn know so we can get the volunteers organized. There are several local venues suggested for our out-of-town guests to attend with the Yankee Air Museum on Friday featuring the 1929 Ford Tri- Motor Plane. You can enjoy a ride on the plane at a cost not yet determined. Also planned is a visit to the Rousch Automotive Museum on Thursday with Larry Seyfarth giving a brief presentation with his

experiences on the two prototype Pantera vehicles and a version of the 1965 winning Indy 500 engine which was powering the Lotus Ford #82 driven by Jim Clark now on display at the Henry Ford Museum. Also Friday evening is the Plymouth Music in the Park featuring Larry Lee and Back in the Day Band and a car show featuring Thunderbirds in the pavilion. Also still looking for Sponsors.

Have a great spring and Memorial Day.

JoAnn Rodriguez, President



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2023 Schedule of Events:

Jan 21–Sat. Cranbrook Institute of Science

Feb 18 – Bee’s in Detroit

Mar 12– Classic Car Collection & Willis
Sainte Clare Museum

Apr – Stahl’s Automotive Collection

May 27th – Sat. Spring Dust Off

June 11th – Sat. Cars & Stars Breakfast

July – Sun. 16th Annual Club Picnic

Aug – Sun. 13th Pre-Dream Cruise

Sun. 27th Hines Park Cruise

Aug - 22 - 27 ITC Reunion

Sept. – Sun. 16th All Thunderbird Day

Oct 15th – Sun. Hines Park Cider Cruise

Nov – Sat. 11th 2024 Planning Meeting

Dec – Sun 3rd Annual Club Christmas Party





2023 THUNDERBIRD REUNION
Ford World Headquarters T-Bird Show
 Tuesday, August 22 – Sunday, August 27, 2023
 Chair: Gerard (Bart) Bartasavich
 (216) 375-2808 gebart@ameritech.net
<https://intl-thunderbirdclub.com/>

Name/Guests: _____
 Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

All T-Bird Years Welcomed!!!!		Anyone who owns a T-Bird or T-Bird Enthusiasts!!!	
1955 – 1957 _____	Arrival Date (Circle): Aug. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26		
1958 – 1966 _____	Trailer Parking: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
1967 – 1997 _____	Destinations to explore during your time in Dearborn are “pay-as-you-go.” A venue list will be available at the hotel when you check-in or check https://intl-thunderbirdclub.com/ for details.		
2002 – 2005 _____			

Day(s)	Event(s)	Cost Per Person	Number in Party	Total Cost
Wednesday, August 23rd	6:00 PM Welcome Party Buffet Dinner DoubleTree Hotel	\$35.00 pp		
Friday, August 25th	Cruise to Yankee Air Museum 1929 Ford Tri-Motor Plane View/Ride	Pay-your-own		
Saturday, August 26th	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Ford World Headquarters T-Bird Show	\$10.00 per T-Bird		
Saturday, August 26th	6:00 PM – 11:00 PM Full Dinner Banquet DoubleTree Hotel	\$65.00 pp		
Wednesday, August 23rd- Sunday, August 27th	6:00 AM – 9:30 AM Full Breakfast Buffet Included with Hotel Registration DoubleTree Hotel			
Reunion T-Shirt	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___	\$20.00 per T-Shirt		
Donation (optional)	Assistance in funding this Thunderbird Reunion event. Any denomination is greatly appreciated.			
	ALL THUNDERBIRD REUNION REGISTRATIONS DUE BY: Tuesday, July 17, 2023		TOTAL	\$

Reunion Registration: Checks Payable: International Thunderbird Club. Mail: Check & Registration to: *International Thunderbird Club, P.O. Box 24041, Pepper Pike, OH 44124.* Chair: Gerard Bartasavich, gebart@ameritech.net (216) 375-2808. All Thunderbirds Clubs & Enthusiasts welcomed.

Hotel Reservations: DoubleTree by Hilton, 5801 Southfield Expressway, Detroit, MI 48228 (313) 336-3340
 Mention: International Thunderbird Club to receive the discount rate of \$139 per night. Complimentary full breakfast buffet with room. Deadline for DoubleTree guaranteed rate is **Tuesday, July 17, 2023.**
 Late registration is subject to availability & increased room rate.



**Thunderbird Reunion
Dearborn, Michigan
August 22nd – 27th 2023**

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2023 THUNDERBIRD REUNION – SUGGESTED MICHIGAN VENUES

VENUE	STREET	CITY	PHONE	WEBSITE
Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation	20900 Oakwood Blvd	Dearborn	(313) 982-6001	thehenryford.org
Greenfield Village	20900 Oakwood Blvd	Dearborn	(313) 982-6001	thehenryford.org
Ford Rouge Plant	20900 Oakwood Blvd	Dearborn	(313) 982-6001	thehenryford.org
Automotive Hall of Fame	21400 Oakwood	Dearborn	(313) 240-4000	automobilehalloffame.org
Ford's Garage Restaurant	21367 Michigan Ave	Dearborn	(313) 752-3673	fordsgarageusa.com
Gateway Classic Cars	15000 Commerce Dr N	Dearborn	(313) 246-8665	gatewayclassiccars.com
Ford Piquette Ave. Plant	461 Piquette Ave	Detroit	(313) 872-8759	fordpiquetteplant.org
Detroit Historical Museum	5401 Woodward Ave	Detroit	(313) 833-1805	detroithistorical.org
Detroit Institute of Art	5200 Woodward Ave	Detroit	(313) 833-7900	dia.org
Museum of Contemporary Art	4454 Woodward Ave	Detroit	(313) 832-6622	mocadetroit.org
Ford House	1100 Lake Shore Rd.	Grosse Pointe Shores	(313) 884-4222	fordhouse.org
Gilmore Museum	6865 W Hickory Rd	Hickory Corners	(269) 671-5089	gilmorecarmuseum.org
Roush Automotive Collection	11789 Market Street	Livonia	(734) 779-7290	roushcollection.com
Cruisin Hines (Sunday)	Wayne Rd	Westland	(734) 658-5296	cruisinhines.com
Yankee Air Museum 1929 Ford Tri-Motor Plane	47884 D St.	Belleville	(734) 483-4030	yankeeamuseum.org
Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum & National Hudson Motor Car Company	100 East Cross St	Ypsilanti	(734) 482-5200	ypsiautoheritage.org



THUNDERBIRD REUNION

Ford World Headquarters

Dearborn, Michigan

August 22nd – 27th, 2023

Place your ad in the Thunderbird Reunion Directory
Participants will see your ad and support your business or club!

The 2023 Thunderbird Reunion will be held in Dearborn, MI, August 22-27, 2023. Host hotel is the DoubleTree Detroit/Dearborn, 5801 Southfield Expressway, Dearborn, MI 48228.

ITC's Thunderbird Reunion Directory is an easy and inexpensive way to advertise your business or club. We remind and encourage all participants to support sponsors.

The Convention booklet has an 8 ½" X 11" vertical format and is in full color. Your ad should be electronically sent in pdf or jpeg format. Please submit by Monday, July 1st.

Advertising rates are:

Premium \$500+ (full-page premium position, cover, logo on front cover, banner displayed convention, etc.)

Full page = \$100 Half page ad = \$60 Quarter page = \$35

Email your ad to: gebart@ameritech.net

If you would like us to distribute your promotional materials, we would be happy to add the item(s) to the Thunderbird Reunion attendee's goodie bags. This is an excellent opportunity to market your products or club to the T-Bird enthusiasts. We encourage sponsors to showcase their products at the Thunderbird Reunion.

Please forward ad fees, donations and promotional materials to the following address.

Make checks payable to: International Thunderbird Club and mail to:

Gerard (Bart) Bartasavich

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Pepper Pike, OH 44124

Gerard (Bart) Bartasavich, Reunion Chair (216) 375-2808 gebart@ameritech.net

THANK YOU for your support!

Stahl's Automotive Collection





For Sale: Kellsey Hayes spike wheels. for 1964,65 front and rear, 1966 rear only.

Cost \$250.00 each

**Gary Brewer
23431 Grandy St.
Clinton Township 48035
596-718-2061 cell**



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