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Presidents Report

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The year 2018 is coming to an end. The year saw many good times with our Thunderbird friends – January traveling Route 66 with a wonderful speaker, April touring Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, of course the successful All T-Bird Day and many other monthly events. Thanks to everyone that participated and helped plan these events.

To get a fabulous start to 2019 we will gather at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall) 27475 Five Mile Rd., Livonia on Saturday January 26 at 1:00 for a Pizza and Salad lunch followed by a presentation on Henry Ford – Life and Times. Todd Bryan from the Speakers Bureau of the Henry Ford Heritage Assoc. will offer a biographical look at Henry Ford and his accomplishments both inside the Ford Motor Company and beyond. He will share some interesting “family stories” about the Ford family. The cost is \$15.00 per person and will be collected at the event. Please RSVP to JoAnn Rodriguez via phone/text 248-719-0160 or e-mail joannbill801@comcast.net by Thurs Jan 24.

Although plans are not complete a tour of the Detroit Public Library is scheduled for Saturday afternoon February 23 with lunch following at the Traffic Jam in Detroit. We will have a guided one-hour tour through this beautiful building, whose interior rivals the Sistine Chapel – a sight not to be missed.

Plans for the 2020 – 65th Anniversary of the Thunderbird will be taking place. Suggestions and ideas for this event would be appreciated by the Board throughout 2019.

From the Board - Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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2018 Schedule of Events

Jan 20 (Sat) – Presentation by Rick Thomas
– Iconic Route 66 1:00 – Angelo Brothers,
33550 Ford Rd., Westland

Feb 18 (Sun) – Pewabic Pottery Tour and
Lunch at Sinbad's

March 24 (Sat) - Motor City Solutions Tour

April 21 (Sat) – Eleanor & Edsel Ford House
Lunch at the Cracker Barrel

May 19 (Sat) – Tour Piquette Plant – Lunch
at Traffic Jam

June 23 (Sat) Tour Yankee Air Museum –
Lunch to be determined

June 16-17 – Motor Muster (non-
sanctioned)

July 22 (Sun) – Annual Picnic

Aug 12 (Sun) – Pre-Dream Cruise

Aug 26 (Sun) – Hines Park Cruise

Sept 16 (Sun) – All T-Bird Day

Oct 21 (Sun) – Hines Park Cider Cruise

Nov 10 (Sun) - 2019 Planning Meeting

Dec 2 (Sun) – Annual Christmas Party





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Jan 20 – Henry Ford Life & Times

Feb 23 – Tour Detroit Public Library

Mar 30 – Tour Roush Museum and Buildings

Apr – Stahl Mfg. – April 6th time and lunch TBD

May – Road Trip – Date and Route TBD

June – Belle Isle – Date and Time TBD

July 22– Annual Picnic – 2:00 – Merriman Hollow

Aug 11 – Pre-Dream Cruise – Early dinner at Moose Preserve

Aug 25 – Hines Park Cruise

Sept 15 – All T-Bird Day

Oct 20 – Hines Park Cider Cruise

Nov 20 – 2020 Planning Meeting

Dec 1 – Annual Christmas Party

Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club's 37th Annual All Thunderbird Day



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Everyone knows that the major ingredient for an outstanding, well attended car show is a gloriously sunshiny day! That ingredient was definitely present for the Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club's 37th Annual All Thunderbird Day on Sunday, September 16, 2018, at the Wilson Barn in Livonia, Michigan.



Despite the fact that only 40 cars were pre-registered, a flock of over 65 Thunderbirds flew into the inviting tree-covered location. Many others supported us by coming to look also. The fabulous music from the 50's and 60's filled the air thanks to our great DJ Boogie

Brian making it all a very enjoyable day!



We were very excited with the overflowing crowd of Baby Birds and Retro Birds-all so colorful! This included Don Morton's historic, customized 1955 Mura-no Pearl Thunderbird. (It has taken top prize at Auto Shows in Detroit.

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Not wanting to be outshone, the usual large number of geor-

geous Flair Birds mounted the hill and a few of them with fully functioning convertible tops were waving to the skies. Contributing to the gathering flock elsewhere was a special group of Aero or Super Birds (Super Coupe/Turbo Coupe-1983 to 1997. Four of these members have become known as the Red Brigade with their red cars from this area, matching shirts, and super energy coming to set up our tents, tables and signs for the day! John O'Brien, Mike Bennett, Tom Milligan and Mike LaPointe. Thanks Guys!



The Water Wonderliand Tbird Club was honored with ITC President Bart Bartasavich and his wife Vera coming all the way from Pepper Pike, Ohio to attend our show AND helping out! Also we welcomed ITC members



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Greg and Jackie Dockter of Bismarck, ND! They were traveling from a family reunion in Indiana in their 1966 convertible.

With prizes for everyone that day and spectacular winners of the People's Choice Awards who received a classy engraved award that holds a photo of themselves with their cars! Thanks to all the WWTC members who helped make the show possible!



2018 Planning Meeting



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From the best maker of convertible tops for Thunderbirds, this is the rear plastic window for these cars. They cost \$143 new. I am selling this new rear window for \$50. It is new in the Robbins box with instructions. Even if you don't need one now, keep it as a spare for when your window gets a crease down the middle. The window is in Allen Park.

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Welcome new members:

Alvin Lee of Detroit with a shiny black 2002 retro.

Don and Susan Miller of Livonia driving their bright yellow 2002 retro.

We now have 149 families!

Water Wonderland Tunderbird club

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