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Presidents Report

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Here we are finally in January 2021. With the COVID-19 vaccine becoming available we are hoping for a prosperous and fun 2021.

The Board will be meeting in mid-January to discuss events for the coming year. We have received some ideas to keep our interest peaked for the year and are still open for more suggestions.

Please let Marie or JoAnn know if you have a new business to add to our Repair List or any business that should be removed from the list. We look forward to getting this list revised and made available to our members soon.

Do you have a T-Bird that deserves some bragging rights? Write a short article and send to JoAnn (joannbill801@comcast.net) telling us some history of your car and it will be published in the Newsletter. Also please respond to Marie article "Falling in Love with Thunderbirds".

Have a wonderful New Year and hope to see you all in February 2021.

JoAnn Rodriguez

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2021 Tentative Schedule of Events:

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May – Annual Dust Off

June

July – Annual Picnic

Aug- Pre-Dream Cruise

Sept. – All T-Bird Day

Oct – Annual Hines Park Cider Cruise

Nov – Planning Meeting for 2022

Dec- Annual Christmas Party



MEMBERSHIP FORM

WWTC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of all Thunderbirds.

New Member

Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal _____

Member's Birth Date (month/day) _____ Spouse/partner's _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

T-Bird _____ Style _____ Color _____

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NEW: If you are a member of other Thunderbird Clubs, please provide us with those membership numbers:

VTCL (Vintage Thunderbird Club Interntl) # _____ ITC (Interntl Thunderbird Club) # _____

CTCL (Classic Thunderbird Club Interntl) # _____ Other: name _____, # _____

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Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club

P.O. Box 2597

Taylor, MI 48180

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WWTC was established in 1981 as a non-profit Michigan organization. We are also a local chapter of the Vintage Thunderbird Club International (VTCL) as well as a current chapter in International Thunderbird Club (ITC). WWTC is dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of all Thunderbird automobiles. Our members are from all walks of life sharing one common interest: the love of Thunderbirds.

We publish a monthly newsletter full of interesting articles, technical tips, events and want ads for T-Bird enthusiasts. We meet on a monthly basis for a variety of social events and encourage participation by driving our Thunderbirds to the event - although you do not have to own a running Thunderbird to be a member.

We welcome ALL years of T-Birds! Why not come join us? For more information, visit us at www.MichiganTbirds.org, or contact Membership Director Marie Brucker (email: m.brucker@comcast.net, phone 810-227-5379). We hope to see you soon!

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Check No. _____ Check Amount _____ Check Date _____

FALLING IN LOVE WITH THUNDERBIRDS!

In December's issue of T-Bird Topics, you saw the WWTC Parking Lot with the tally of all the different Thunderbirds that we have in our club. Pretty amazing array of Birds, right? Did you notice the cluster of Birds? Why were so many in the Classic (Baby) Bird group and the Retro Bird group? Wait—there were almost as many in the Flair Bird (1964-1966) group! Is it because there were MORE of those models built? What explains these phenomena? Here is a listing of the production numbers for each model year*: Total Highest Model Years All Yrs. Production yrs.

Classic (Baby) Birds 1955-57 53,166 [21,380 in '57]

Square Birds 1958-60 198,191 [92,843 in '60]

Bullet Birds 1961-63 214,375 [78,011 in '62]

Flair Birds 1964-66 236,613 [92,465 in '64]

Retro Birds 2002-05 67,518 [31,121 in '02] Glamour Birds (5 yrs.) * 1967-71 278,598 [77,976 in '67] Yrs. exceeding 120,000! Big Birds (11 yrs.) * 1972-82 1,484,373 '77,'78,'79,'80

Aero Birds (6 yrs.) * 1983-88 885,745 '83,'84,'85,'86,'87,'88

Super Birds (9 yrs.) * 1989-97 961,624 '89,'93,'94 *

=These groupings past 1966 with extended runs were grouped to facilitate judging for All Tbird Day. Glamour Birds and Big Birds are Class H. Aero Birds and Super Birds are Class J.

It is obvious that our larger groups in our club had nothing to do with "how many were built". It has a LOT TO DO with "why we fell in love with them."

LET'S SHARE WHY WE FELL IN LOVE WITH OUR THUNDERBIRD...

1. Email or write a note to Marie Brucker, m.brucker@comcast.net, or mail to 191 Liddy Dr, Brighton, MI 48114
2. Write me a note with your name and the car year (convertible, Hardtop) and what reasons drew you to select that particular model. It could be an early passion or the car itself, the involvement you have had with it. Marie will put together an article writing about our passion, but will not share your name unless she asks permission.
3. Please get answers to Marie by January 16. Thank you.
4. Ask me any other questions about these stats on Thunderbirds. We'll try to answer them! What else would you like to know about this iconic car? Article prepared by Marie Brucker.

YES, DAN, I KNOW THE DOCTOR SAID YOU SHOULD GET PLENTY OF REST TO GET RID OF YOUR COLD... BUT THAT WAS NINE YEARS AGO!



HOW TO FIX

Squealing brakes

Exhaust leak

Belt squeaking

Exhaust rattle

Engine tick

Wheel bearing
going out



Turn the
radio up



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