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Presidents Report

June 2021

Down River Cruise – Saturday June 26 – Steve Legel is opening his building from 10:00 to 6:00 at 2179 Fort Park, Lincoln Park (off Southfield parallel to Fort Street) as a gathering place to relax and swap stories with fellow car enthusiasts. The cruise is on Fort St. from Southfield Rd. to Sibley Rd., passing thru Lincoln Park, Southgate, Wyandotte and Riverview. Join us for lunch, at a minimal cost, for a sub sandwich and chips. Lunch will be available from 12:00 to 2:00 also water and pop will be available. In the evening there will be a free concert at 7:00 at the Lincoln Park Bandshell, 3240 Ferris St featuring Detroit Rock City (Kiss Tribute) and Fire & Ice (Pat Benatar Tribute) If you plan to join us for lunch, please RSVP to JoAnn via phone/text (248-719-0160 or e-mail joannbill801@comcast.net). Hope to see all cruisers on Saturday June 26. Don't forget your lawn chairs.

Annual Club Picnic – Sunday July 18 – 2:00 - ? Merriman Hollow Shelter off Merriman Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren Rd. Remember if the park is closed just drive around the barricades and come to first drive on your right. Due to Covid stipulations the Board is requesting everyone bring their own lunch. We will have pop and water for everyone.

Pre-Dream Cruise – The date for the cruise is corrected to Sunday August 15.

Don't forget **Motor Muster** is Saturday & Sunday June 19th & 20th at Greenfield Village.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers

JoAnn Rodriguez

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2021 Tentative Schedule of Events:

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr – 24th Cancelled

May – 29th Saturday Spring Dust Off

June- 26th Saturday Steve Legel's Car Collection

July – 18th Annual Picnic

Aug- 15th Sunday Pre-Dream Cruise

Sept. – 19th Sunday All T-Bird Day

Oct – 17th Sunday Annual Hines Park Cider Cruise

Nov – 6th Saturday Planning Meeting for 2022

Dec- 5th Sunday Annual Christmas Party

Happy
Father's
Day

Other Car Events

Monday

Memories in Motion
Ram's Horn on Middlebelt in Westland
Between Joy Rd & Ann Arbor Rd.
ldkthree@yahoo.com

Tuesday 5 - 8

Downriver Wanderers
939 Northline, Wyandotte

Wednesday

5 – 9

Classis Car Nite @ Sandbaggers
25615 Van Dyke, Centerline

Wednesday

Westside Rod & Custom
Merri-Bowl Lanes
30950 Five Mile Rd., Livonia
chefdave@mi.rr.com

Thursday

American Car Heritage Car Show
6909 Grand River, Fowlerville
Ken 517-376-6209

Friday

Bruce Post VFW 1146
28404 Jefferson. St. Clare Shores
586-774-1223



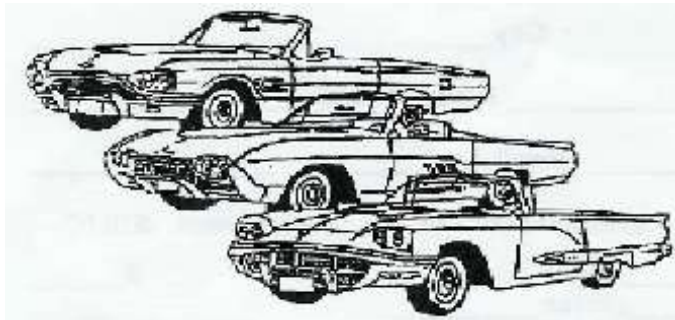
Our 40th Anniversary
All Years of Thunderbirds

Welcome

ALL T-BIRD DAY 2021

66th Anniversary of Thunderbird

**Free to
Spectators!**



**Thanks to Our
Great Members**

HISTORIC WILSON BARN ~ LIVONIA

LOCATED AT 29350 W. CHICAGO Rd. @ MIDDLEBELT RD.,

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

10 am to 4 pm

DASH PLAQUES TO 1ST 75 T-BIRDS L CLASS AWARDS PRIZES

L OLDIES MUSIC L FOOD VENDOR L 50-50 RAFFLE

Registration: Member Fee \$10/car prior to Sept. 14; Non-Members & After Sept.14--\$15/car

Vender or Car Corral: \$15

**NOTE: We encourage all T-Birds to participate regardless of condition. Have technical questions?
Discuss with T-Bird members between 1:00 and 2:00 pm**

For more information call:

248-719-0160– JoAnn Rodriguez, President

734-347-0715—George Roscoe, V. P.

Location: Wilson Barn is located at northeast corner of Middlebelt and West Chicago Roads

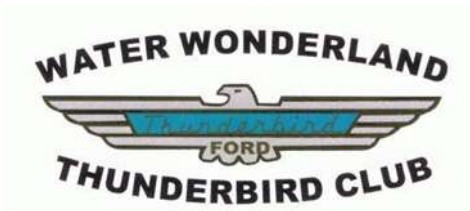
Visitors, please park in the school lot located east of the barn

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PLEASE NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PREMISES

ALL T-BIRD DAY REGISTRATION FORM

September 19, 2021



Date Received _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip Code _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

**EVENT FEE CARS: Members: \$10.00 per car preregistration
Non-member & day of event: \$15.00 per car**

Year _____ Body Style* _____ Color _____ \$ _____ Year

_____ Body Style* _____ Color _____ \$ _____

*Open = Convertible; Closed = Hardtop

VENDOR: I wish to reserve a Vendor space - \$15.00 per space \$ _____

CAR CORRAL: I wish to reserve _____ spaces in the Corral -\$15.00 ea. \$ _____

Total Enclosed (Cash \$ _____ Check # _____) \$ _____

Contacts: JoAnn Rodriguez 248-719-0160 or George Roscoe 734-347-0715

Please mail check or money order with registration form to arrive:

No later than Tuesday September 14, 2021 to:

**Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club
P.O. Box 2597, Taylor, MI 48180**

Date Rec'd _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

Please no smoking or Alcoholic beverages on premises

Social distancing recommended

For Sale:

Call: Bob Gardella 810-691-1136

2004 Ford Thunderbird

\$30,000.00 obo



Featured car in the Ford booth at the 2004 Saigon, Vietnam Auto Show and has been in storage since then. 623 actual miles and has never seen rain or snow. Loaded with both tops, cradle and cover.

(810) 229-8312 MI



1956 Thunderbird.

Garage kept. Same family for over 50 years. 30,000 miles. All original. This car has sat in the garage forever. Dad never drove it. Since my Dad's passing, I periodically start the car and run it down the road. We had the transmission rebuilt several years ago. New fuel/water pump and shocks.

Steve Lambarth

E-mail 060488@charter.net

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Club member Mike Bennett needs to find a new location for winter car storage. He is looking for a heated, limited access space with electrical power available, and preferably located somewhere on the West side of the metro Detroit area. If you are aware of a facility, please contact Mike at: mbennet6@icloud.com or 248-880-7800.

Garage Hop

Getting to know our members and their Thunderbirds

Submitted by Denise Sikora

My passion for the baby birds started my sophomore year of high school. There was a teacher that had a black 1955 Thunderbird that he would drive to school on nice days and for special school events like the homecoming parade. I think I fell in love with it the first time I saw the car.

When I was a senior, I had this teacher for history and since we had somewhat of a past (he graduated with my oldest brother) he would sometime send me on errands. The day they came out with the two-dollar bill again, he called me up to his desk and asked that I go to the bank. He wanted those brand new and stamped. As he pulled his car keys out of his pocket, I knew that this was the luckiest day of my life. He had driven his Thunderbird that day. He handed over his keys to a very excited 17-year-old with a warning to be careful and come right back. I experienced my first ride in that Thunderbird that I would dream of owning for several years after that.

Fast forward several years later, Ed and I were at a car show and in drove one of the baby birds (not sure what year). I stated at that time, "this is the car I have wanted since I was 17 years old." The guy that was standing there said I think my neighbor is selling his. Two nights later, Ed came home and hands me a number, I ask him "what's this?" He told me it is the number for the guy selling the Thunderbird. We called him, set up a time and date to go and look at what he had. As we drove down the street, there it sat at the end of the drive. I thought there is no way I will be able to afford this car. We meet the couple, took the car for a short drive and the guy told me there is no doubt that you want the car since your feet haven't touch the ground and you have stars in your eyes. We negotiated a price; gave him my deposit and we picked the car up on my birthday. Happy Birthday to me!

I still own my very own 1956 peacock blue and white removal hard top Thunderbird!

Members are encouraged to submit articles with a couple photos to:

LarrySeyfarth@yahoo.com for inclusion in future newsletter.

