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## Presidents Report

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Here we are the beginning of March and spring is just around the corner with time change (Spring Forward) March 13. Winter has flown by and its almost time to get the T-Bird ready for some summer fun.

Our February event “Bees in Detroit” presented by Richard Anderson, a Beekeeper in Southwest Detroit, was very interesting and informative. Bees are pollinators and are very important to our environment so if bees decide to set up residency on your property a Beekeeper should be called to remove them.

Oak Fern Galleria – Saturday March 26 – 11:00

Dave Holt and Jim Herrera has invited the club to visit their Galleria at 8520 W. 9 Mile Rd., Oak Park to view their classic cars. We will then proceed to Dave’s home in Pleasant Ridge to see his Model Car Collection. Of course, now we will be hungry and will cruise to Sign of the Beef Carver, 27400 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak for lunch. Please RSVP to JoAnn [joannbill801@comcast.net](mailto:joannbill801@comcast.net) or phone/text 248-719-0160 by Thursday March 24th.

Bob Smith has been working diligently to schedule our April at Classic Appreciation in Rochester and has been unable to set up a date. We will send an e-mail when a decision is made on this event.

We are all looking forward to Spring Dust Off which will meet at David Lau’s home in Plymouth and cruise along country road to an undisclosed destination. Details are upcoming.

Have you given any thought to running for a Board of Director position? Elections are coming soon.

Have a Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

JoAnn Rodriguez, President

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## **2022 Schedule of Events:**

Jan – Detroit Historical - **Cancelled**

Feb 19 – Bee’s in Detroit

Mar 26 – Oak Fern Galleria

Apr – Classic Appreciation

May – Spring Dust Off

June – Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Crusin’ Down River

July – Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Picnic

Aug- Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Pre-Dream Cruise

Sept. – Sun. 18<sup>th</sup>. All T-Bird Day

Oct – Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Hines Park Cider Cruise

Nov – Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Planning Meeting for 2023

Dec- Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Club Christmas Party

***HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY!***

*LET'S GET READY FOR SUMMER*

**69th ANNUAL AUTO RAMA**

TCF CENTER, DETROIT

Friday March 4 - 12:00 - 10:00

Saturday March 5 – 9:00 - 10:00

Sunday March 6 – 10:00 – 7:00

Admission \$25.00 - Children 6-12 \$10.00 - 5 & under free

Discount tickets available at O'Reilly Auto

**GREAT LAKES STAMPEDE**

ALL FORD & MUSTANG SHOW

Birch Run Premium Outlets

12240 S. Beyer Rd., Birch Run, MI (I-75 Exit 136)

Saturday, May 21, 2022 – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Register On-Line before May 12  
<https://mcmstampede.square.site>

**MOTOR MUSTER**

Greenfield Village

June 18th & 19th

Registration open March 1 – on line

[www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org)

## Garage Hop

### Getting to know our members and their Thunderbirds

By New Member Barry Burnham

#### '63 Bullet bird

When I was 12 years old, I went to the auto show which at that time was called the Detroit Auto Show at COBO Hall. I fell in love with the 1963 Thunderbird, sometimes referred to as the “bullet bird”. The excitement, the glitz and the glamour of all that chrome at the auto show was overwhelming, but the Ford display of the new Thunderbirds was something to see. The sleek styling, the tail lights that looked like they were ready to send fireballs as they were ignited. And the way the steering wheel moved out of the way for the driver to get in and the curved wrap around upholstery of the rear seat. It looked like a new age of luxury sports car styling was being introduced. I thought to myself that someday I was going to have own one of these too. Well, life goes on and things get in the way. College, a career, moving to a new town, a family. You somehow just keep adding things to your bucket list. Someday you say. Now in retirement Nancy and I were invited to a private car show on Woodward during the Dream Cruise. Our small group walked around looking at the cars on display. Finally, the last car we looked at was a 1963 Chestnut Red 2 door hardtop Thunderbird. I recanted my story to our group of how when I was 12 years old, I went to the car show. They all continued walking, but Nancy and I stayed back still admiring that beautiful “bullet bird” I noticed that on the dash was a small business size card that said “For Sale” with a phone number. I called the number. That day we came home with our very own “dream baby” the bullet bird of my dreams!



Members are encouraged to submit articles with a couple of photos to [larryseyfarth@yahoo.com](mailto:larryseyfarth@yahoo.com) for inclusion or contact Larry for an interview to draft an article. **Members:** Please say hello to our new members Barry & Nancy Burnham at our next event!! 😊

**Welcoming new member:** Barry and Nancy Burnham of Plymouth, MI, with a 1963 chestnut red HT! Thanks for coming to our “Bee Talk”!

**Thank you SO much** to all the members who quickly responded to my request to get your membership of \$25 or \$35 into our P.O. Box 2597, Taylor, MI 48180! It looks like our membership will be around 130 families! If you were no longer renewing, March will be your last issue. Whatever your decision—yes or no—please contact Marie Brucker by email: [m.brucker@comcast.net](mailto:m.brucker@comcast.net)

# Bees in Detroit Program February 2022

