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## Presidents Report

May 2021

**Thunderbird Appreciation Day** is May 16, 2021. It's a day to get your T-Bird out in the public, go for a drive thru Hines Park or to any Metro Park, or there may be a car show in your area. Get those beautiful Birds in the spotlight for the day.

The **Fifth Annual Spring Dust-Off Tour** (aka Second Annual Covid Cruise) is Saturday May 29, 2021 – with a rain date of Sunday May 30. We will meet again at David & Jo Lau's house, 6870 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth at 9:30 am and cruise at 10:00 am. Again, we will roll along prime Michigan 2-lane roads through Waterloo Recreation area, Grass Lake and land at Rudy's Drive-in southeast of Jackson for "eat in your car" lunch. On our travels to Jackson, we will stop at The Lost Railway Museum in Grass Lake and after lunch we will stop at a Restoration Shop in Manchester. We will be joined by the Metro Detroit Falcon Club and Vintage Motors USA. Please RSVP to JoAnn via phone/text 248-719-0160 or e-mail [joannbill801@comcast.net](mailto:joannbill801@comcast.net) by Thurs 5/27

Mark your calendar on Saturday June 26, 2021 for the **Down River Cruise** on Fort St. Steve Legel is opening his building at 2179 Fort Park, Lincoln Park, that houses his cars, as a gathering place to relax from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. There will be pop and water available throughout the day with lunch from 12:00 to 2:00. Bring your lawn chairs. More information will be available in the June Newsletter.

Plans are being made for the Annual Club Picnic at Merriman Hollow Shelter at Merriman Rd., and Hines Park – Sunday July 18 – 2:00 to?

Happy **Mother's Day** to all our wonderful mothers.

JoAnn Rodriguez  
President

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## 2021 Tentative Schedule of Events:

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr – 24<sup>th</sup> Cancelled

May – 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday Spring Dust Off

June- 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday Steve Legel's Car Collection

July – Annual Picnic

Aug- 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Pre-Dream Cruise

Sept. – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday All T-Bird Day

Oct – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Annual Hines Park Cider Cruise

Nov – 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday Planning Meeting for 2022

Dec- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Annual Christmas Party



## *Other Car Events*

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### **Starts Monday 5/3**

Memories in Motion

Ram's Horn on Middlebelt in Westland

Between Joy Rd & Ann Arbor Rd.

ldkthree@yahoo.com

### **Starts Wed 5/12**

Westside Rod & Custom

Merri-Bowl Lanes

30950 Five Mile Rd., Livonia

chefdave@mi.rr.com

### **Starts Thurs 5/6**

American Car Heritage Car Show

6909 Grand River, Fowlerville

Ken 517-376-6209

### **Starts Fri 6/4**

Bruce Post VFW 1146

28404 Jefferson. St. Clare Shores

586-774-1223

**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

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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](mailto:mbennet6@icloud.com) or 248-880-7800.**



## GARAGE HOP

### Getting to know our members and their Thunderbirds

By Larry Seyfarth

JoAnn Rodriguez has been our President for over 4 years. She is always devoted, being very active in planning and working to make our events successful. Her current T-Bird is a 1970 4 DR with the optional sunroof.

The 4 Dr T-Birds were introduced in 1967 and the sunroof option was available in 1969, '70 & '71 for \$453.30 in 1969.

The total 4 Dr T-Birds produced during the 5-year run was 77,541.

The other known 4 Dr. T-Birds in the club are Roger Hayman & Lois Wightman with the only '67 prototype sunroof, Derrek & Tina Lividini and Carl & Sharon Pratt.

Joann's past T-Birds included 1962 & 1963 hardtops. Her partner, Bill Bella has owned a wide variety of collector cars during the past many years.

The Garage Hop is a new monthly feature in our WWTC News Letter. Members are encouraged to submit articles with a couple of photos to:

[LarrySeyfarth@Yahoo.com](mailto:LarrySeyfarth@Yahoo.com). for inclusion in future News Letters.



## **VMUSA is inviting WWTC!**

Mask Up! Dust Off! Fill Up!

Come join VMUSA for a Spring Cruise and visit to LaFontaine Classic Car Collections!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 22!

Let's meet at 10:30 a.m. at Holden's Party Store 2055 S. Milford Rd. Milford

(next door to Baker's)

You can grab your lunch to go or bring a picnic!

From there we'll cruise to a local park for an early lunch.

Afterward we'll follow the backroads to both **(Yes! There's 2!)**

LaFontaine's Classic Car Collections!!!! (Doors open at 12:30 at first collection!)

Maps will be provided at Holden's.

**Please RSVP by May 19** to Mike at 248-767-4420 or [mike33roadster@yahoo.com](mailto:mike33roadster@yahoo.com)

or

Roxanne at 248-767-3035 or [rocksand712003@yahoo.com](mailto:rocksand712003@yahoo.com)

(LaFontaine requested a headcount)

