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### Presidents Message...

The results from our member survey are in and tabulated. Please find the summary of the survey in this newsletter.

The response to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lapel pins was overwhelming so we have ordered the pins and will let everyone know when they arrive. Not only are they a wonderful generic 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin for the Ford Thunderbird, but they will also help fund our two scholarships through the high school automotive arts programs. Thank you all who pre-ordered a pin. The pins will be on sale through the end of this year.

Thank You Nancy and Larry Seyfarth for organizing the Ford Truck Plant Factory Tour. It was great and meeting for lunch afterwards at the Ford's Garage Restaurant in Dearborn was a perfect way to top off a Saturday outing. Save-the-Date for the Spring Dust Off coming May 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at the home of David and Jo Lau. More details to come.

I wish to "thank" Marie Brucker for the many years she served relentlessly as our Membership Chair. Denise Sikora will be taking her place. Feel free to reach out to Denise if you have any membership questions.

Please check-out the updates we are making on our website at [www.michigantbirds.org](http://www.michigantbirds.org). More to come!

As our members are aging out and I would like to better serve those who must leave our club because of health concerns or other reasons. I am seeking ideas on what would be useful as a tool to be pro-active in helping members advertise that their beautiful Ford Thunderbird is available. I would like to see us become the conduit between our members selling their car and finding a younger buyer. Feel free to share your thoughts.

See you all in your Thunderbird! President Barry.

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## Schedule of Events 2025

### Sanctioned

January 11 – (Sat) The Detroit Parade Company

February 15 – (Sat) Chili Cook-Off – Speaker Ray Swelman

March 21 (Fri) Guernsey Dairy Tour

April 12 (Sat) Rouge Plant Tour

May 31 (Sat) Spring Dust Off

June 22 (Sun) Edsel & Elaine Ford House Tour

July 20 (Sun) Annual Club Picnic

August 10 (Sun) Pre-Dream Cruise

September 14 (Sun) – All T-Bird Day Car Show

October 19 (Sun) Hines Park Cider Cruise

November 8 (Sat) 2026 Planning Meeting

December 7 (Sun) Annual Club Christmas Party

Spring Dust Off – Saturday May 31 – Meeting at David & Jo Lau’s home, 6870 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Mi. 9:30 am – Cruising at 10:00 am to Hidden Lake Gardens, Tipton for a drive thru tour of the gardens (there may be a small entrance fee). After tour will continue to Jerry’s Pub in Wampler’s Lake for lunch then stopping at Mickeys Ice Cream, Saline. RSVP to JoAnn via phone/text 248-719-0160 or email joannbill801@comcast.net by Thursday, May 29.

Edsel and Eleanor Ford Home – Sunday June 22 – 1100 Lake Shore Rd., Grosse Pointe Shores, Mi. Tickets \$10.00 per person payable at event. Special parking for Thunderbirds. Arrive Main Gate 11:45 – 12:00, 12:15 Shuttle to Main Entrance, 12:20 to 1:30 Guided tour of home, 1:30 Shuttle to Visitor Center and The Shop, 2:00 Depart North Gate for lunch at Leo’s Coney Island (map will be provided). RSVP to JoAnn by June 6 via phone/text 248-719-0160 or e-mail joannbill801@comcast.net.

## **GETTING READY FOR SUMMER**

### **THUNDERBIRD 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

MOTOR MUSTER Greenfield Village – June 14th & 15th Thunderbirds 70th Anniversary will be featured. Registrations begins March 1, 2025 Cars 25 years or older

Auto for Autism, Mon June 16, Supporting Burger Autistic School – 4:00-9:00 – Garden City Middle School – Registration – [www.autosforautism.com](http://www.autosforautism.com)

Rose Senior Living – Fri June 20 – 1:00 – 3:00 – 47400 Heritage Dr., Novi – Walk to end Alzheimer's and Car Show for residents [www.providencepark.roseniorliving.com](http://www.providencepark.roseniorliving.com)

Chelsea Car Show – Chelsea, Mi – July 25, 2025 – 3:00 – 8:00 \$10.00 Entry Fee. Club will meet in Ann Arbor and caravan to Chelsea so we can park together. Further details will be available.

Wings & Wheels, Rousch Aeronautic Center, Belleville, June

Maumee Cook-Out – Seymour Brays Log Homestead – June 8

Hot Cars & Hot Cakes, Harry J. Wills Funeral Home – July 12

Classic Car Club Ice Cream Social – July 14

Jennifer & Jeff Bladow Motors Free for All – July 26

Grosse Ile Naval Air Station, 9601 Groh Rd., Grosse Ile - July 26 – Registration 8 am- 10-am \$15.00- Show 10am-3pm – Fundraiser for Goodfellows

Tour of Rousch Museum – July - Sponsored by Mike Rey/John Clor Date to be determined

Troy Traffic Jam – Sunday August 3rd – 10:00 – 3:00 – 201 W. Big Beaver, Troy – Further details to follow

Thunderbirds at Plymouth Music in the Park – August 15, 4:00 pm. Details to follow.

Woodward Dream Cruise – Saturday August 16, 2025

All Ford Show – Sunday August 17, 2025 – Ford World Headquarters – Dearborn – Details to follow

Special Banquet Dinner for Thunderbirds Friday August 22 at Gateway Classic Cars in Dearborn. Details to follow

Hines Park Cruise – Sunday August 24, 2025 Cars must be 25 years or older to enter. \$5.00 admission. Entry off Ford Rd.

# Ford Plant Tour and Lunch at Ford's Garage



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