



T-Bird Topics

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President's Message...

This month we had the honor and privilege on presenting two \$1000.00 scholarships to students that will be furthering their education and training as an automotive tech. We also had the opportunity to have a tour of the school facilities. It is truly an asset for both communities for the level of instruction the students receive and the facilities they are being trained in.

A special *thank you* to **Deb Jameyfield** for the years of dedicated service to our club as the editor and publisher of our newsletter. I will be looking for some one to step up and volunteer to take over the responsibility of collecting the articles and information, so that our newsletter will continue to be a resource for our members. *Please let me know how you like the new look too.*

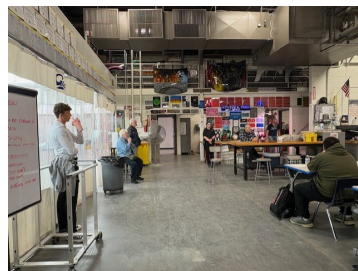
As our club moves into the 21st Century, we will no doubt be witnessing things changing. Change is difficult for many, but to survive it is imperative that we embrace the technology and resources that are available to us today. Our organization is aging out in many respects so keeping up with the times, trying new things, and finding ways to share our experiences with a younger generation will be our goal. As a club, we will never forget the efforts of those who came before us, as they brought us here today. Hopefully we will learn the lessons they have taught us as we move forward at what seems to be at lightning speed.

I am proud of our club and so proud of the fact that we are talking about what the future will look like. The steps we are taking today will help us move into the future. There is still a lot for us to do. I know from talking to so many of you, that you feel the same way, and together we will embrace the future! President Barry.



Scholarships Awarded

We had a great time visiting the Canton High School Automotive Tech Department and presenting student **Austin Weiss** with our **\$1000.00**. He will be enrolling in the **Washtenaw Community College Automotive Tech School** to earn his ASE certification as an auto tech specialist. Member **David Lau** presented an excellent talk about the need for young people to think about entering the industry and the many opportunities that exist now and into the future. Department Head Gerald Lickey was instrumental in assisting with the search for the recipient of our scholarship. CTE Instructor, Chad Woodring gave us a tour of the state-of-the-art facility available to both boys and girls of the school district. It was truly amazing! Thank you to **David Lau, Nancy Burnham**, and past president **JoAnn Rodriguez** for joining me at the school. Whether we display two cars or twenty cars, the ability for the students to get up close to our cars is priceless! Our second scholarship presentation took place at the Wayne Westland Community School District at the William D. Ford Career Tech Center. The tech center is home to 26 vocational programs within the district. We are grateful to Mrs. Victorio Batko for facilitating our efforts in selecting a student for our automotive tech scholarship. Student **Matt Groeneveld** was selected to receive our award. He will be attending the Saginaw Valley State University in the fall. Thank you again to **David Lau, Rick Charniga, and Larry Seyfarth, JoAnn and Nancy B**, for also attending this presentation.



Canton High School
Austin Weiss, recipient



William D. Ford
Career Tech Center
Matt Groeneveld, recipient



Club Events...

June 22nd (Sun) Tour of Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Tour, flyer available.

July 20th (Sun) Annual Club Picnic, Merriman Hollow, 2-4:00 pm

August 10th (Sun) Pre-Dream Cruise—details to follow.

September 14th (Sun) All Third Day Car Show at Wilson Barn, 10-4:00 pm

October 19th (Sun) Hines Park Cider Cruise watch for the flyer.

November 8th (Sat) 2026 Planning Pot Luck Meeting tbd

December 7th (Sun) Annual Club Holiday Party—watch for flyer.

Other Events...

June 8th Maumee Valley Thunderbird Club Cook Out—see flyer for details.

June 14th & 15th Thunderbirds 70th Anniversary at Motor Muster, Greenfield Village.

June 16th Autos For Autism, 4-9:00pm, Garden City Middle School— www.autosforautism.com

June 20th Rose Sr. Living, 1-3:00 pm, Walk to End Alzheimer's. 47400 Heritage Dr., Novi, Sign up here www.providencespark.roseseniiorliving.com

June 22nd Rousch Aeronautic Center, Belleville.



Still More Events...

July 12th Hot Cars & Hot Cakes, Harry J Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave, Wayne. See flyer.

July 14th Classic Car Club Ice Cream Social— details to follow

July 25th Chelsea Car Show, 3-8:00 pm, Club will meet in Ann Arbor and caravan to Chelsea. Contact George Roscoe 734-347-0715. Meet at Loew's 5900 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor

July 26th Motors Free For All, Jennifer & Jeff Bladow, details to follow.

July 26th Grosse Ile Naval Air Station Show, 9601 Groh Road, Grosse Ile, Registration 8:00 am, Show 10-3:00 pm. Fund Raiser for Goodfellows.

August 3rd Troy Traffic Jam, 201 W Big Beaver, Troy, 10-3:00 pm, Thunderbirds featured for 70th Anniversary. Register online at troyhistoricvillage.org/troy-traffic-jam

August 15th Thunderbirds featured at Kellogg Park, Plymouth, 70th Anniversary Celebration, Concerts in the Park - watch for flyer.

August 16th Woodward Dream Cruise, special gathering for Thunderbirds—more to follow

August 17th All Ford Show, Ford Motor World Headquarters, Dearborn. Registration to follow

August 22nd Gateway Classic Cars, Dinner for Thunderbirds, Dearborn, Details to follow.

August 24th Hines Park Cruise, JoAnn R. will have details.

Weekly Car Show—Oval Auto Cruise/Big Boy 37123 Six Mile, Livonia Saturday 6:00 pm—9:00 pm



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Don't Wait Any Longer!
Pick an event, get your Tbird
ready and join us!

We Want You!



Bird Talk

Happy Birthday Members!



Welcome! New Members

James Egyed: jmegyed@aol.com	2002 retro
Randy & Michelle Giannini: ran65gian@yahoo.com	1967 blue 2dr
Craig & Rhonda Setser: craigsetser@yahoo.com	2004 retro, Merlot

In Memoriam



Make a Connection—Member to Member

This space is available to sell or trade something T-bird related.

\$25.00 includes three months

Send 3 pictures

25 words or less



70th Anniversary Pin

Celebrating the

Thunderbird

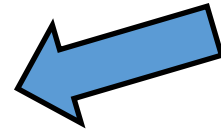
While Supplies Last!

\$10.00 each



Order Today! Mail check and indicate quantity to:
Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club
P.O. Box 51027
Livonia, MI 48151

Pin size 1.25" w ◦ Supporting our scholarship program ◦ 586-703-4435



Powder Coated Metal Frame to Hold Car Description Insert

The Packard Proving Ground Foundation has offered our club the metal frame sign holders that were used in front of each of their cars. They have discounted the price of the frames to half of what they would cost if we were purchasing them brand new. Each one is \$100.00 and they have also put me in touch with the company that created the inserts. Several of you have put your name on the list to get one and as of this writing there may be one or two still available. The weather proof insert is \$21.00 each. The size of the insert is 18" x 27". They are designed to stand flat on a surface or use the spike for soft ground. Please let me know if you would like one. Send me an email at barry.burnham@me.com.



Taking Care of Your Classic Car Interior!



To care for a classic car interior, prioritize regular cleaning, including vacuuming and dusting, and use appropriate cleaners and conditioners for different materials like leather, vinyl, and fabric. Protecting the upholstery from direct sunlight and moisture is also crucial for longevity.

For Classic Car Interiors, consider:

1. Vacuum with brush attachment.
2. Soft brushes.
3. Mild soap or leather cleaner.
4. Microfiber cloths.
5. Upholstery cleaner.
6. Glass cleaner.
7. Protectants for vinyl, leather, or fabric.

Share your story in this space!

Every Car Has a Story To Tell—What's Yours?

Email to barry.burnham@me.com





FORD HOUSE

Ford House • 1100 Lake Shore Road • Grosse Pte. Shores, MI. 48236

Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club

Join us for a guided tour of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Home

Sunday, June 22nd

11:45-12:00 pm	Arrive Main Gate
12:15 pm	Shuttle to Main Entrance
12:30 –1:30 pm	Tour of Main Residence
1:30 pm	Shuttle back to Visitor Center
1:45—2:00 pm	Visitor Center and <i>The Shop</i>
2:00 pm	Depart North Gate, <i>Lunch at Leo's Coney Island, 23815 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080</i>

Special Parking for our Thunderbird Cars Too!

Reservations by **June 6th** to Joannbill801@comcast.net or **248.719.0160**

Tickets: \$10.00 per person. Please pay JoAnn at the event

Ford Thunderbird
70th Anniversary



Thunderbird Club
44th Anniversary



Our 44th Anniversary -
All Years of Thunderbirds Welcome!

All T-Bird Day 2025

Sunday, September 14th

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Historic Wilson Barn—Livonia, MI • 29350 W. Chicago Rd. @ Middlebelt Rd.

- ♦ Dash Plaques to first 50 T-Birds
- ♦ Live DJ
- ♦ 50\50 Cash Raffle
- ♦ Class Awards Prizes
- ♦ Food Vendor
- ♦ Stuff the Box

Registration: Member Fee \$20\car prior to Sept. 10th
Non-Member Fee \$25\ and after Sept. 10th
Yes, I would like a 70th Anniversary Pin —add \$10.00

For More information and Registration Forms call:

Pam Bentley · 734-812-4781

ALL T-BIRD DAY REGISTRATION FORM

September 14, 2025

Date: _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Zip Code _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

EVENT FEE

CARS: Members: \$20.00 per car preregistration

Non-member & day of event: \$25.00 per car

Year _____ Body Style* _____ Color _____ \$ _____

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***Open** = Convertible; **Closed** = Hardtop

VENDOR: I wish to reserve a Vendor space - \$20.00 per space \$ _____

CAR CORRAL: I wish to reserve _____ spaces in the Corral \$20.00 ea. \$ _____

(the Car Corral is reserved to display cars for sale)

70th Anniversary Pin: \$10.00 ea. \$ _____

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

Contact: Pam Bentley at 734-812-4781. Please mail check or money order with registration form to arrive:
No later than Tuesday September 10, 2025 to:

Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club • P.O. Box 51027 • Livonia, MI 48151

Date Rec'd _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

Please no smoking or alcoholic beverages on premises • Website: www.michigantbirds.org

Cookout-Potluck

Seymour Brays Log Homestead
7813 Crabb Rd, Temperance, MI
June 8th @ 1:00

Hosted by: Seymour Bray & Ron Bush



Brats, Burgers & Drinks Provided

Bring dish to pass

Please RSVP by June 6th

Seymour Bray- (734) 777-5673

Ron Bush- (419) 913-6945

Members Celebrate Thunderbird Appreciation Day



Another great time gathering at Ritters Gourmet Custard stand on Sunday, May 18th to celebrate **Thunderbird Appreciation Day**.

Members gathered at Parr Park on Hines Drive and then drove in formation to 8 Mile and Merriman Road for the ice cream. No rain and a little chilly outside, but it was great to get out on a Sunday afternoon! Thank You to **Nancy Seyfarth** and **JoAnn Rodriguez** for coordinating this event.

