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Presidents Report

May 2018

Another successful event on Saturday April 21 at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House with 46 in attendance. Your board of directors work all year to plan events of interest to all our members. We thank everyone for attending these events and look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.

On Sat May 19 we will be visiting the Ford Piquette Plant. Please see the detailed page in this issue of the newsletter.

STAY TUNED David Lau and Randy & Nancy Talkowski are planning another spring cruise down scenic 2-lane roads on Saturday May 26. The details are not complete but its planned to meet at David & Jo Lau's house, 6870 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth (8 miles west of Plymouth in Salem Twsp) at 9:00 am. Then drive to Ye Olde Carriage Shop in Spring Arbor (just west of Jackson) and enjoy a guided tour by the owner. Nancy has arranged lunch at the Jackson All Star Dairy. They have a large parking lot and often herald our arrival on Facebook so a local car show could happen. The afternoon events have not been finalized but they will be sent via e-mail as soon as they are available.

The International Thunderbird Club (ITC) has recently partnered with Hagerty Insurance in an effort to support each other. Hagerty has agreed to provide ITC members a discount on insurance for their T-Birds and classic cars including the 2002-05 Retro Birds. If you are an ITC member provide Hagerty with your membership number.

Remember Sunday May 20 is T-Bird Appreciation Day. Rev up the engines and get those T-Birds on the road.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers

JoAnn Rodriguez, President

2018 Schedule of Events

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Jan 20 (Sat) – Presentation by Rick Thomas
– Iconic Route 66 1:00 – Angelo Brothers,
33550 Ford Rd., Westland

Feb 18 (Sun) – Pewabic Pottery Tour and
Lunch at Sinbad's

March 24 (Sat) - Motor City Solutions Tour

April 21 (Sat) – Eleanor & Edsel Ford House
Lunch at the Cracker Barrel

May 19 (Sat) – Tour Piquette Plant – Lunch
at Traffic Jam

June – To be determined

June 16-17 – Motor Muster (non-
sanctioned)

July 22 (Sun) – Annual Picnic

Aug 12 (Sun) – Pre-Dream Cruise

Aug 26 (Sun) – Hines Park Cruise

Sept 16 (Sun) – All T-Bird Day

Oct 21 (Sun) – Hines Park Cider Cruise

Nov 3 or 10 – 2019 Planning Meeting

Dec 2 (Sun) – Annual Christmas Party



FORD PIQUETTE AVENUE PLANT TOUR

461 Piquette Avenue

Detroit, MI. 48202

Saturday May 19

10:00 AM

\$8.00/person

The Ford Piquette Avenue Plant is the only original vehicle assembly plant Remaining in the Detroit area representing the early automobile industry. It is famous as the plant where the Model-T Ford was built, the car that put The world on wheels.

NOTABLE THINGS TO SEE: Henry Ford's office as it was in 1908, Early Ford models, known as the alphabet cars

Models A, B, C, F, K, N, R, & S which preceded the famous Model-T.

15 Million Model-T's were built from 1908 thru 1927. The Secret Experimental Room where Henry and a small team Conceived, designed and built a prototype of the Model-T. It quickly became the most popular automobile in the world, changing not only how we traveled, but how we lived.....

Please RSVP to JoAnn Rodriguez by Wednesday May 16 by phone/text (248) 719-0160 or e-mail joannbill801@comcast.net.

First 15 RSVP's will receive a bottle of wine with a label of the Piquette Plant.
Lunch at the Traffic Jam, 511 West Canfield, Detroit



Other Car Events

MAY 2018

Sun May 20 – Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Get out and show your T-Bird – go for a drive for the general public to see and enjoy your car.

Sat May 26 – Noon to 3:00 - Classics at the City Club

1830 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor

Contact Greg Fleming for further details 734-662-3279

June 2018

Sun June 3 -10:00 am – Gilmore Museum at Hickory Corners

Come see classic cars – Cadillac & LaSalle, Visit the CCCA Museum, Pierce Arrow, Lincoln Motor and Model A Museum

A wonderful array of cars

Sat June 9 – 12:00 am - Annual Jackson Rd Cruise of Ann Arbor

Jrcruise.org

Classic Car Cruise Leaves Bel-Aire Lanes cruising to Zeeb Rd. and returning to Bel-Aire Lanes or continue cruising to Checkpoints.

Thurs June 7 – August 31 - 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Depot Town, Ypsilanti

Cruising time is here! Need a club name tag for you and your sweetie? Call Marie Brucker at 810-227-5379 They are \$8.00 each. Mail your check and “names” to WWTC, P.O. Box 2597, Taylor, MI 48180

Looking for water pump pulley for 1957 T Bird Please call Miguel if you have one 248 758 4679.

The Colorful Retro Thunderbirds!

Maybe you are curious about the number of “new” Birds that were produced. We probably all assumed that the first run of 2002 Retro Birds would be the largest number—and it was. Enjoy checking out the colors and the number of Retros out there! All totaled—68,098!

2002 Data

Black = 8739
(200 =Neiman Marcus)
Red = 7244
Whisper White= 4188
T-bird Blue = 7406
Inspiration Yellow=3791
Vint. Mint Green=612
TOTAL: 31,368

2003 Data

Desert Sky Blue=1744
Black= 3093
Red= 3516
Mtn. Shadow Grey=3165
Whisper White = 2460
007 Coral= 700
Cashmere 50th= 1500
TOTAL: 14,678

2004 Data

Merlot = 3991
Platinum Silver= 2739
Evening Black= 1942
Torch Red= 1743
Pac. Coast Roadster=1000
Ice Blue= 730
TOTAL: 12,757

2005 Data

Evening Black= 1713
Torch Red= 1846
Platinum Silver= 1295
Med. Steel Blue = 1463
Bronze = 1396
Inca Gold= 82
TOTAL: 9,295



NEW MEMBERS

Mark and Jo Bacheldor from Dearborn, MI with their 1968 Black Landau.

Michael Harris of Southfield owns a 1965 white hardtop.

Paul and Deborah Kawsy of Plymouth Township, looking for a T-bird of their dreams.

Roger and Beverley Melton of Bloomfield Hills with their 1957 coral sand roadster.

A warm welcome to all!
This makes a total of 133 families!



Our Trip to Edsel and Eleanor Ford House





Jim & Marie Brucker visited Bob Smillie

When I visited Bob, I remembered that several of our members had wanted to know "How is Bob doing?". Well he is looking different because of his beard this spring, but he has regained strength and more weight and color in his cheeks! Unfortunately, he has injured his neck and has gout in his foot. He would love friends to come visit, he just can't turn his head or go walking right now.

Bob Smillie

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