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. Presidents Message...

This is an exciting time to belong to our Thunderbird club for sure! It is only February and we had another outstanding outing for our members. Thank you to Keith and Pam Bentley for an amazing Chili-Soup and Stew Cook-off! Bob Witt won the coveted chrome plated ladle for his first-place entry, Dave Holt came in second place with his award-winning chili and went home with an amazing gift basket too. Nancy Burnham won a gift basket too with her world class beef stew. It was to die for! Our guest speaker was Ray Swetman, historian and presenter from Greenfield Village with a program entitled "Creating a Giant: The Men and Money that Started Ford Motor Company." Thank you to all who braved the snowy weather to join us.

The WWTC 70th Anniversary of the Ford Thunderbird committee held its first Zoom meeting and discussed several exciting options for our club to celebrate in 2025. The highlights of the meeting will be published in this newsletter. Thank you to David Lau, Doug Richman, Nancy Burnham, Keith and Pam Bentley, Rick Charniga, George Roscoe, JoAnn Rodriguez, David Campbell from the TART club, Jim and Marie Brucker, Mike Bennet, Dr. Steve Legel, and Bob Witt for stepping up. If you would like to be on our committee too or just curious in the planning, please watch for the Zoom notification in your email prior to the meeting.

Please look for the updated monthly event calendar in this issue for more exciting things to come. We will also add a page of other known events and opportunities to showcase our cars in addition to our regular calendar. You decide which events best suits your schedule and make plans to join us.

There has been some discussion as to whether all members are receiving my notifications to your email. Please add my name and email address, Barry Burnham, and my email address [barry.burnham@sci-us.com](mailto:barry.burnham@sci-us.com), to your contact list to be sure my message does not end up in your spam account.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2025! President Barry.

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# Membership Renewal Form

*Please complete only information that has changed*

**First and Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: Month and Day : \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Partner First and Last Name**

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Birthdate: Month and Day: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Membership in other club (s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year** \_\_\_\_\_ **Body Style** \_\_\_\_\_ **Color** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail payment and membership form with changes to:

**WWTC**

Newsletter emailed: \$25.00

**P.O. Box 51027**

Newsletter mailed: \$35.00

**Livonia, MI 48151**

## Things We Do:

- ◆ Monthly Activities
- ◆ Sponsor club events and day cruises
- ◆ Publish a Club Newsletter
- ◆ Publish a Club Directory
- ◆ Maintain a Club Website
- ◆ Enlist Technical Advisors
- ◆ Offer a vocational scholarship

# **Schedule of Events 2025**

## **Sanctioned**

**January 11 – (Sat) The Detroit Parade Company**

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

**March 21 (Fri) Guernsey Dairy Tour**

**April 12 (Sat) Rouge Plant Tour**

**May - Spring Dust Off**

**June – 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 6 (Sun)m Annual Club Christmas Party**

### **WWTC March and April Event**

**Friday March 21,2025 – Guernsey Dairy Tour**

**21300 Novi Rd., Northville, MI**

**This is a 3rd generation family-owned dairy processor in Northville for many years.**

**11:00 am – \$10.00 for 1 hour tour payable at the event with lunch (on your own) following the tour at Guernsey Dairy Restaurant**

**Please RSVP to JoAnn via phone/text 248-719-0160 or e-mail joannbill801@comcast.net by Friday March 14**

**Milky Way Sign – “Education is important Ice Cream if more important”**

**Saturday April 12, 2025 – Henry Ford Plant Tour (Dearborn Truck Plant) Meet at 9:30 am bus leaves at 10:00 am at Greenfield Village for bus trip to the plant.**

**Please make reservations with Nancy Seyfarth by March 17 (313) 436-8237 or e-mail nancyouseyfarth@gmail.com and mail your check \$19.25 per person made out to Nancy and mail to Nancy Seyfarth, 4717 Maddie Lane, Dearborn, MI 48120.**

**Lunch at Ford Garage.**

## **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**

**Chelsey 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**

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

**Classic Car Club Ice Cream Social – July 13**

**Jennifer & Jeff Bladow Motors Free for All – July 26**

**Grosse Ile Naval Air Base Show – July 26**

**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**

**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 Road only into Hines Park. WWTC will be parked at Nolar Bend (near Inkster) south side of Hines Park. Further details will be available.**

**This is just a few events for the T-Bird 70th Anniversary. Please contact JoAnn 248-719-0160 or joannbill801@comcast.net if you have any additions.**

**Bakers Car Show – Every Sunday – May 4 thru Sept 28, 2025**

**2025 S. Milford Rd., Milford, MI**



# Chili-Soup and Stew Cook-off



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