T-Bird Topics

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President's Message...



Our annual event is coming up this month, **All Tbird Day**. It is a time for you to dust off the old bird and bring it out to our show. This year we will celebrate all of the '55,'56, and '57 model years with the inclusion of the American Road members. I am working on getting a team of club member volunteers that have indicated that they will travel to your garage or where your Tbird is kept and give it some TLC and get it running. There will be no excuse not to bring your prize possession to our show. Just let me know if you would like the Bird Crew to visit you! Thank you **Dave Lau**, **Dave Salzman**, **Keith Bentley**, and **Charlie Henry** for volunteering.

I have also included in this issue the **All Tbird Sponsorship** flyer and form to sign up any potential sponsors that would like the opportunity to get involved with our group. You don't know unless you ask. The proceeds for the funds will go into our vocational scholarship fund. So print out the flyer and the sponsor form and take it to the place where you do business with your Thunderbird! Gift cards to restaurants or stores are great too!

See you all in your Thunderbird,
Barry



President **Barry** hosting Miss Michigan, Grace Hanke, at the Ribbon Cutting for the start of the 2026 Woodward Dream Cruise. Also in the line up was **Rich & Judy Duggan** and **Gary Brewer** hosting TV Personality JoAnne Purtan.

Club Events 2026

September 20th All T-Bird Day

October 18th - Hines Park Cider Cruise

November 7th - 2027 Planning Meeting

December 6th - Annual Club Holiday Party

Event Details and Other Car Events Will be in the Newsletter

*Also, **Gary Rellox** has supplied us with business size cards with our logo and website address. If you see a Tbird while you are out and about and they are not members, give them a card and direct them to the website to fill out an application for membership!*

Weekly Car Shows!

Monday Nights-Belleville, Main, 5pm-7:30pm, Memorial Day-End of September

Thursday Nights- Ypsi, N River & E Cross, Depot Town, 4-8pm Mem Day -Labor Day

Thursday Nights- Romulus, Eureka & Huron River Dr, Blue Sky (ice cream) 4-7:30pm

Friday Nights- Riverview, Fort Street & Sibley, 4PM-dark (May-Oct)

Other Great Events

Sept 8-13th—VTCI International Gathering, Flagstaff, AZ

Sept tbd—Old Car Festival

Know of An Event We'd like?

The Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club now has the largest collection of Ford Thunderbirds in the entire State of Michigan!

Be Proud to Own a Tbird!

Watch for details in upcoming issues.

WWTC

Election News

Meet the Slate for 2027-2029

President	Barry Burnham
Vice President	Keith Bentley
Secretary	Nancy Burnham
Treasurer	Pam Bentley

Every member in good standing and a member for at least one year, has the opportunity to run for the Elected Positions of the Board of Directors. Each position is a 2 year commitment. The new term will begin January 1, 2027. If you would like to get your name placed on the ballot, I must have your nomination in to me by midnight of July 31, 2026. The board meets at least once a quarter and the meetings may be in person or virtual.

Three directors round out the Board of Directors and they are appointed by the president.

The Standing Committees are appointed by the President.

Bird Talk

Happy Birthday Members!

1	Neal Porter	23	Gloria Sieloff
2	Edwina Koto	24	Thomas Beard
4	Linda Henry	24	Judy Ann Kohl
4	Gene Nelson	25	Patrick O'Neal
9	Bob Cseke	28	John Bush
18	Beverley Melton	30	Kathy Ickes
22	Pamelia Bush	30	Anne Musson

September



Welcome! New Members

David Miller,

Cynthia Hadden,

Steve Rinke

Car models will be published in the new directory

Something to Sell or Trade?

2002 Thunderbird Press Kit/Customer Gift Pack. Five boxes of promo material including die cast of 2002 Tbird. Hardly ever touched—in excellent condition ~~$400.00.~~ Call Charlie Henry, Cmhenry57@outlook.com. 248.476.1668

Best offer



I have four tires that came off my 62. Three are in decent shape and the fourth would make a good spare. Please see attached pictures. Im Selling all four for $60.00.

Contact Mark Young:

myoung1512@yahoo.com

WATER WONDERLAND THUNDERBIRD CLUB

1955 - 2015 70th ANNIVERSARY



All T-Bird Day 2026

Sunday, September 20th

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
- Class Awards Prizes
- Live DJ
- Food Vendor
- **50\50** Cash Raffle
- Stuff the Box

Registration: **Member Fee $20\car** prior to Sept. 11th

Non-Member Fee $25 and after Sept. 11th

WWTC all t-bird day 2026 flyer Pam

For More information and Registration Forms call:

Pam Bentley · **734-812-4781**

ALL T-BIRD DAY REGISTRATION FORM
September 20, 2026

Date:_____

Name_____Spouse_____

Address_____City_____

State/Providence_____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_____$_____

Year_____Body Style*_____Color_____$_____

*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)

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 Friday, September 11, 2026 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

Classic Thunderbird Maintenance Tech-Tips

The subject of this month's tech-tip is upgrading your collector Thunderbird's ignition system. Like most of you, I like to keep my Thunderbird close to the original Ford designed parameters. However, when I see a product that looks better than original equipment and is guaranteed to perform and be maintenance free for many miles of usage it deserves a closer look. After purchasing the two products pictured below, I was sold on their performance and quality. The distributor is totally electronic under the cap and maintenance free plus it can drive my 1957 Thunderbird's tachometer (that's what sold me at first). The construction exudes quality and I wasn't disappointed with the performance. As for the spark plugs, I removed one after I installed it two years ago. It looked like new after many miles of driving.







Thunderbird After Market Distributors & NGK 7510 Iridium Spark Plugs (18 mm) These Fit All Thunderbirds Up To 1974. Use With High Energy Ignition Coil. 1974 Ford Thunderbird Models Use (14 mm) Spark Plugs Use NGK 7559.



WATER WONDERLAND THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Thunderbird Club
45th Anniversary



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Sponsorship Opportunities

Classic:	**$1000.00**	name and logo on all printed and social media, recognition at event, top billing sponsor
Vintage:	**$500.00**	logo on printed materials, recognition at event.
Landau:	**$250.00**	recognition at event
Driver:	$100.00	listing on sponsor poster at event

Contact:

Barry Burnham, President

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WWTC all t-bird day 2025 sponsor flyer

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Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: $_____

Proceeds to fund automotive tech scholarship program.

Pre-Dream Cruise Pixs







Larry, Charles, & Brad















Potential New Members!





Judy, Rich, Mary Anne, Doug



Larry & Neal



Nancy B, Denise, Lois, Nancy S.



Bob, JoAnn & Fred



Roger, Larry, Ed



John, Barb, Susie, Mike



Dave, Gary, Maria, Ken



Greg & Patti, George



Jim, Dave, Gary & Vytas



Brad & Dave



Christine & Doug



Jo & Dave





Bob & Marilyn



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AUGUST 23, 2026















WATER WONDERLAND THUNDERBIRD FORD CLUB

HINES PARK CIDER CRUISE



SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026

MEETING AT PARR PARK IN HINES PARK
(Telegraph & Hines Park) **1:30 pm**

WILL LEAVE AT 2:30 pm TO CRUISE THRU HINES PARK TO OUR LUNCH DESTINATION AT
****MOES ON 10****, 39455 W. 10 Mile, Novi 48375
TO ARRIVE AT 3:30 pm (DIRECTIONS TO MOES WILL BE PROVIDED AT OUR MEETING DESTINATION.)

Moe's on 10
RESTAURANT & BAR

BUFFET LUNCH $25.00
INCLUDES TAX & GRATUITY
(DOES NOT INCLUDE POP, COFFEE OR BAR DRINKS.
WILL BE PAID AT THE RESTAURANT)

Menu

LEMON CHICKEN | ROASTED POTATOES | VEGETABLE | MOSTACCIOLI | SALAD | ROLLS | BROWNIES





EACH MEMBER **RSVP** WILL RECEIVE
½ Gallon Cider
AND 6 DONUTS!

Please RSVP!

RSVP TO JOANN RODRIGUEZ
CALL/TEXT (248) 719-0160 | E-MAIL joannbill801@comcast.net
BY THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

WATER WONDERLAND THUNDERBIRD CLUB

Who Owned Your Car?

Curious? Vehicle title history records are available by mail for $15.00, or $16 if certified. To request a copy of your vehicle's record, complete the Record Lookup Request form online and return with payment made out to State of Michigan to the address on the form. You can also email me at **barry.burnham@me.com** and request a form to mail in.



Have you checked out our brand new website?

Michigantbirds.org

Please let me know what you think too!

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Don't Wait Any Longer!

Pick an event, get your Tbird ready and join us!



Enjoy the Fall!



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