

The Birds' Nest

Official Newsletter of the Buffalo Thunderbird Club
August 2010

Secretary's Report:

Our July meeting was held and enjoyed at Buffalo Raceway. Many thanks to Sheila Lombardo for making arrangements to have the meeting at the Raceway!!!! Our next meeting is the night before our car show on Saturday August 14th. Sandy and Ted Becker have offered to host the meeting to finalize everything for our show the next day. Please bring your car show goodie bag items as we will be stuffing goodie bags at the meeting. Also please bring any Chinese auction items that you may not have room in your T-Birds to bring to the show the next day - we will be happy to get them to the show for you. Please contact Sandy/Ted to let them know you can make the meeting at 652-7537 by Monday August 9th. Please bring a dish to pass at the meeting. (Ted and Sandy Becker 2020 Billington E. Aurora, NY 14052). Remember there are still a few weeks left to get goodie bag items, Chinese Auction items, sell 50/50 tickets and advertise our show!!!-Lorrie S.

**The
Car Show is
August 15
at West-Herr
of Amherst**



Thank You to Gregg Zimmerman for all the articles contributed to our newsletter, we would only have one page without him!

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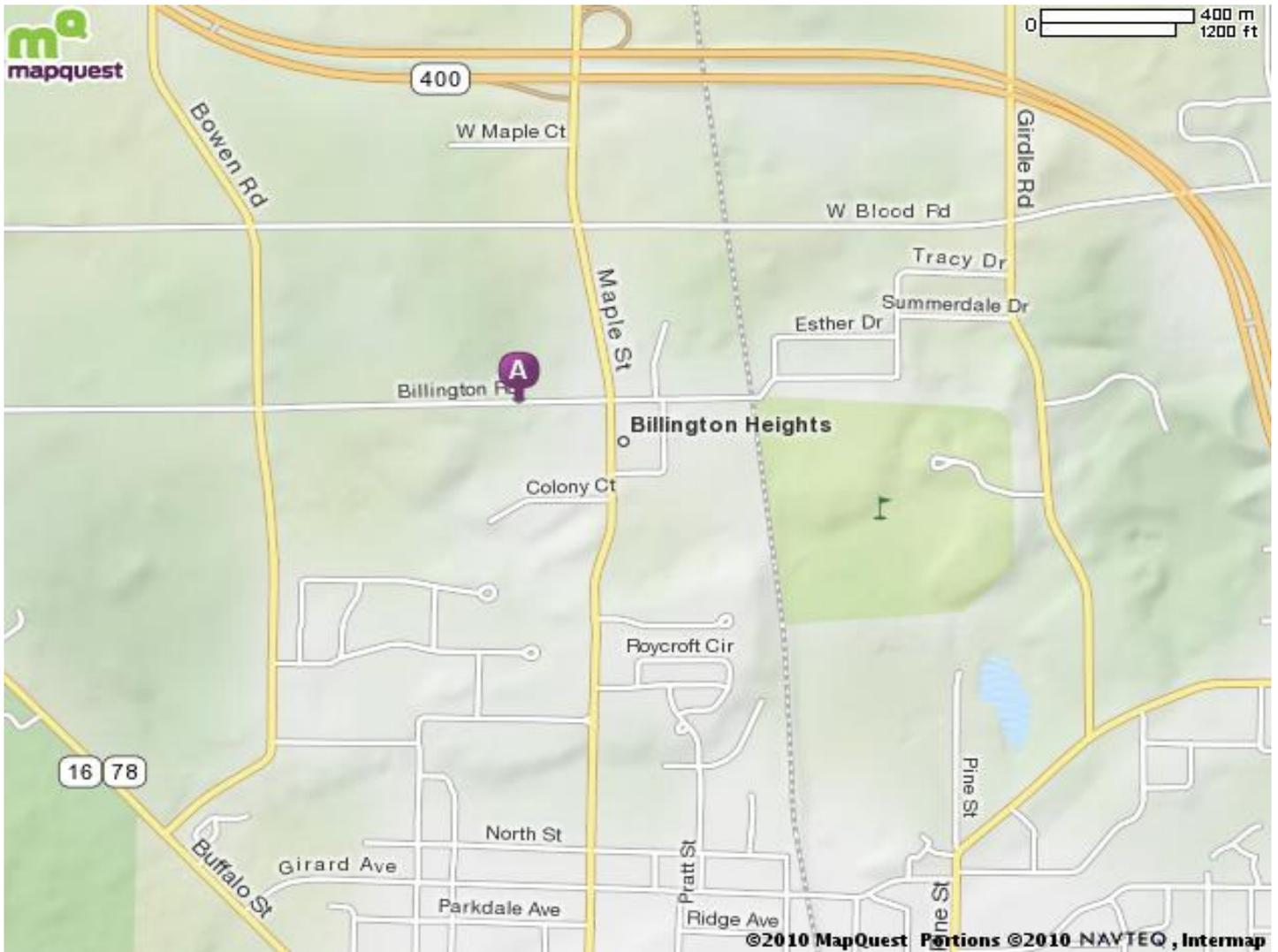
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**ENJOY
THOSE
BIRDS!**

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Next Meeting: The next meeting is August 14 at Ted and Sandy Beckers house, at 2020 Billington Ave. in East Aurora. After diner we will be stuffing the goody bags, so bring any items you have. **Directions:** After getting off the 400 expressway at Maple Rd. Turn Right and then Right again at the second Street. The house is on the Left.

More Burma Shave Signs:

CAUTIOUS RIDER
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER
Burma Shave

SPEED WAS HIGH
WEATHER WAS NOT
TIRES WERE THIN
X MARKS THE SPOT
Burma Shave

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER

LED TO A WARMER
HEMISPHERE
Burma Shave

AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?
Burma Shave

NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU
Burma Shave
More Signs Next Month

Baby Bird Soft Top Storage Instructions:

1. Clean the window inside and out (every time you put it down)
2. Loosen all clamps
3. Make sure the rear clamp handles are turned back to their "locked" position parallel to the window
4. Lift the back of the top up slightly from the rear deck
5. Spread a large beach towel (or similar) out on the rear deck and under the rear bow of the top
6. Unzip the window and lay it down on the towel
7. Fold the towel up over the window so it covers it completely
8. Lift the front of the top from the windshield header and start lowering it
9. Pull all of the material out from the pinch points as the top folds down (really work at this, no material in the pinch points)
10. Release the over-center braces just above the side clamps
11. Continue to fold the top down and continue to pull ALL material out of the pinch points
12. Again inspect all pinch points and clear the material from them
13. Lift the entire top assembly from the rear deck and swing it down behind the seat
14. If you have a drop curtain you will have to move it out of the way for step 13.
15. Carefully work the top behind the seat, it will drag on the windlasses so it takes a little maneuvering to make it fit.

Take your time and do it right. Cleaning the window gets any dust off of it so it won't get scratched. Unzipping it allows it to hang straight down without a fold. All of these are critical to keep from damaging the window and not allowing the material to get caught in the folding Mechanism.-Gregg Z.

Why Join an International Club? *Lou Paliani, Former President, VTCI*

“Why should I join your national club, what can you do for me?”

It furthers the interest to a higher level in every aspect of that interest.

It establishes an identity and provides standards of expertise, maintaining value of any material objects involved with the interest, in our case, our cars.

It gives the Interest visibility and access to events and information with an intensity that no local club could ever hope to achieve.

It can participate and endure for longer time spans creating traditions and forums for members to take part in through the years.

It creates opportunities for travel and to meet and make friends on an international plane that no local club could hope to approach.

It offers opportunity to further technical information, obtain parts, and share Thunderbird stories in a variety of mediums throughout the world.

It provides you insurance coverage at national and local events.

And most of all, my favorite; an opportunity to share your passion and experiences with a wonderful group of people you would never meet at a local Chapter event. An International club brings people together from all over the world and facilitates friendships that last through the years. If there wasn't an International Club, what would T-Birding be like?

"What Do I get From the VTCI?"

Alan Tast, Former VTCI President

Here's your opportunity to share in the Personal World of *VTCI*. When your application and dues are processed, you're sent the bi-monthly Award winning Thunderbird Scoop and a membership card with your *VTCI* Membership ID Number. This number helps in any correspondence with the Club.

"Dare To Compare"

We know that there are other groups out there doing the same thing we are. *VTCI* has been around since 1968 (originally known as the Vintage Thunderbird Club of America-The Squarebird Society), something the other groups can't even come close to emulating. When considering other groups, ask yourself "What do I get for my money?"

Do I get a quality publication? *Thunderbird Scoop* is an award-winning magazine (recipient of *Old Cars Weekly's "Golden Quill"* since 1991) - a newsletter - which provides members with exciting color photography on its covers & center pages of member-owned T-birds (not color photocopies), articles which focus on the many facets of owning, restoring and maintaining a T-bird, and columns which feature some of the best writers in the T-bird hobby. *Thunderbird Scoop* focuses strictly on T-birds - no irrelevant fluff or filler - just good, solid information which T-bird owners want and use. [How to submit a photo for the Scoop cover](#)

Do I get my magazine on time? *Thunderbird Scoop* comes every two months, and within the first few weeks of the cover date.

Does the club hold sanctioned events in my area? *VTCI* and its chapters conduct up to [five sanctioned Regional Conventions and an International Convention](#) around the US/Canada during the year, giving members a chance to participate without going clear across the country. Others just hold a single national convention, usually within the same geographic area, year after year.