

# The Birds' Nest



Newsletter of the Buffalo Thunderbird Club

February 2015

*Dedicated to Thunderbird Enthusiasts*

Well, the ground hog either did or did not see his shadow on Feb 2, depending on what news report you get, but there is no question that it is still winter here in Western New York State! As the Farmer's Almanac predicted we are experiencing a colder and snowier winter than we have seen for the past few years and certainly looking forward to seeing some green grass again someday soon!

Here's something you don't see everyday... While out running errands last weekend, I noticed a sign advertising an Estate Sale and decided to stop in. It was the second day of a two-day sale, so I wasn't expecting much, but as I walked up the driveway I noticed a gentleman heading my way carrying the heavily-chromed front bumper from some obviously vintage vehicle. As we approached each other I greeted him and asked what the bumper was off of. Wouldn't you know ... he said "It's off a 1958-60 Thunderbird!" Just goes to show, you never know what you're going to stumble upon. It was the only auto-related piece in the whole sale, and he got it for a song!

We have a couple of new additions to our website this month, so please take a few moments to check it out at [www.buffalothunderbirdclub.org](http://www.buffalothunderbirdclub.org) Our club Meeting Minutes are now available in our Members Only section. Just log in to the Members Only page and follow the Meeting Minutes link. During our business meeting on Feb 7 the membership discussed and agreed on a number of important changes to our Annual Car Show organization and judging, and they are all detailed in the meeting minutes.

The second new website feature is a page dedicated to photos of member's Thunderbirds for all to enjoy! The 1st submission is George and Jim Trautman's 1956 in Golden Rod Yellow. What a beauty! Click on the Photo Gallery menu and then click the Members Cars link. If you have a photo of your car that you would like to share, email it to [webmaster@buffalothunderbirdclub.org](mailto:webmaster@buffalothunderbirdclub.org) or send it via snail mail to me at 255 Lakewood Pkwy Amherst NY 14226.

The next Club meeting will be held on **March 7th at 6pm**. This will be a business meeting at **Bill Gray's**. They are located at **8214 Main St., Clarence NY, 14221**. It's just east of Transit Rd. You can get more information their website at [www.billgrays.com](http://www.billgrays.com). (Note they have discount coupons on their website!)

Hope to see you then!

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## **Our calendar**

**March 7 — 6 p.m.**

*Business Meeting*

*Bill Gray's*

## **2015 Dues are Due!**

If you haven't paid your Club dues for 2015, please do so today! Paid members will continue to receive our monthly Newsletter and will have access to the Members Only section of our website.

Send your \$25 check to Treasurer Geoff Klass, 6741 Boston State Rd  
Hamburg NY

## **Help Wanted**

**The following club positions are open  
and we need your support!**

**Secretary**—Take and report minutes of the meetings and other tasks as requested by the club President and Vice President.

*Please contact Todd or Don with your interest to support the club!*

## **For Sale**

### **1956 Thunderbird**

56K miles. Engine and transmission are all original and numbers match. This car was shown at our 2014 All TBird Show last August.

Frame-off restoration, completed 20 years ago, still in excellent condition. The car has been in the family since 1982, garage kept and only driven twice a year (once for the inspection), Asking \$33,000 but reasonable offers will be considered!

Contact Rob Graesser 716.425.7294



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## Celebrate 60 years of Thunderbirds in Dearborn Michigan

Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club will be hosting an event in Dearborn, MI, June 25-27, 2015, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Ford Thunderbird. As you may know, we are extending an invitation to all Thunderbird clubs and owners to join us for this celebration.

Additional information is available on our website, [Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club](#). We hope that you will share this information with your regional clubs and hope to see many of you in Dearborn, MI in June, 2015.

Merle Morton

Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club

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### Happy New Year - Save the Date!

Save the date for Ford weekend in 2015, because the show will be here before you know it. This year's event runs June 5-7 and will spotlight the GT, Thunderbird and of course the GT350. Expect more records to fall in 2015. This one's going to be big! Register today or call 717-243-7855 for more info.



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## 60 Years Of Thunder

The Okanagan Classic Thunderbird Club extends an invitation to all Thunderbirds to gather in Kelowna, British Columbia, located in the beautiful Okanagan Valley. We are excited to host the 2015 VTCI International convention and we look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new Thunderbird enthusiasts and acquaintances. The following is a summary of the events planned for your visit to the Okanagan as we celebrate together... *'60 Years of Thunder'*

**EDITORS NOTE: For all the details, see the Okanagan Classic Thunderbird Club February 2015 Newsletter on our "Other Club Newsletters" website page. DV**

### Retro Bird For Sale!

From member Gregg Zimmerman: Please advise our members that West Herr Chevrolet on Transit Road has a red Retrobird on their used car lot. Don't know the year or price, had snow on it !!

### The Racetrack At 57 Gunnville Rd.

A History Of Lancaster Dragway And Why It Needs To Be Saved

Lots of great vintage dragster pics!

<http://bangshift.com/bangshift1320/racetrack-57-gunnville-rd-history-lancaster-dragway-needs-saved/>

## Celebrate 60 Years of Thunderbird Excitement

The Pitt Birds Thunderbird Club will host a Thunderbird Event at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix titled Celebrate 60 Years of Thunderbird Excitement. This event will occur on July 16-19, 2015. I would like to ask you to present this invitation to the members of your local Thunderbird club. We have made arrangements for four days of exciting activities, or you could plan to attend any one of the weekend days. Please review the invitation below and the attached registration form and return any questions or comments.

Jerry Longstreth  
Pitt Birds Thunderbird Club

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