

A message from Club President, Todd Ruth —

Hello Buffalo Thunderbird Club members!

As most of us have witnessed a historic winter season may I take this opportunity to extend well wishes to you all and hope this finds everyone in good health.

I, for one, am looking forward to warmer temperatures, abundant rain showers to remove the road salt from our roadways and LOTS of sunny days to follow. Can you tell I'm anxious to get my '63 Landau back on the road?



There are three important milestone events to celebrate in 2015!!!

- 60th Anniversary of the Ford Thunderbird
- 41st Anniversary of the founding of what was then the 'Buffalo Bird's Thunderbird Club'
- 30th Anniversary of our own annual 'ALL Thunderbird' car show, on August 9, 2015

Each and every one of us should take pride in these milestones, especially that our car club is still active and VERY much alive in the fabric of numerous others, regionally as-well-as nationally. It's a gratifying tribute to the hard work of our organization's founder John Jehle, in 1974. This brought us acceptance in becoming Charter # 71 in the CTCI on January 22, 1977, when they, themselves, were in their infancy, and later receiving Chapter acceptance in the VTCl for conforming to their By-Laws. Our founding Officer's dedication and passion for recognizing the importance of wanting a regional Thunderbird club here has been carried-on by numerous

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past and present Officers and Members. That continued dedication, constantly conforming to changing interests in classic car ownership, still keeps us going to this day.

As a fortunate steward of owning a classic nameplate, join me in sharing that love and passion with the community. Whether it's leisure cruising, a monthly club meeting, a planned club rally event or even participation in any of the abundant cruise nights/shows throughout the region leading up to our own, we ALL should embrace the importance of 2015 and be noticed!

IT'S TIME TO SHOW WHAT BEAUTIFUL BIRDS WE'VE GOT!!! Let everyone appreciate it!!!

Don't ever hesitate to contact me if you have thoughts, suggestions or a story and/or photo you'd like to share. I welcome that any time.

Looking forward to seeing and especially cruising with all of you this season!

My sincere and humble thanks for continuing to place your trust and confidence in me as your President for a 2nd year.

Todd

Our calendar

April 4 — 6 p.m.

Business Meeting

Bill Gray's

8214 Main St

Williamsville NY

In Memoriam

We send our condolences to the family of former club member Victor Stachura, who passed away on February 24. He and his late wife Rose regularly attended our car shows. They were both wonderful people.

Victor was a member of the WNY Carvers Assn, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Tubular Exchange Manufacturers Assn.

The Future Is Here Today!

If you don't believe it, check out this video from the TESLA manufacturing plant in Fremont, California. Once upon a time, this was science fiction. [Tesla Manufacturing Plant](#)

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 14075

Help Wanted

The following club position is 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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New Member Welcome

To Dales Irish, our latest new member who joined at our monthly meeting on March 7.

His given name is Dales but he prefers to be called Dale, so Welcome Dale!

Dale is the proud owner of a 2005 Evening Black Thunderbird, with a Black soft-top/Black convertible top, with Black on Black interior. He is also a good friend of our longest running club member, George Trautman. Thanks to George for bringing Dale aboard!

Preparations for our 30th Annual Car Show, to be held on Sunday August 9 at the West Herr Used Car Outlet at 5535 Transit Road in Williamsville NY are well underway. As a special service to our members, here is the summertime schedule of our food vendor, **Dickster's Dogs**.

If you are in the neighborhood of any of these areas around lunch time, stop by and say Hi, and of course also try a sampling of his famous hot dogs! You won't be disappointed! This schedule starts in early May and runs through October.

Monday:

Stereo Advantage Lifetime Service Center
1955 Wehrle Dr., Amherst (near Youngs Rd.)

Tuesday and Thursday:

Amherst Bee
5564 Main St. (Village of Williamsville)

Wednesday:

5759 Main St at Garrison Rd. , Williamsville (vacant lot, across from Yotality on Garrison Rd.)

Friday:

80 Holtz Dr., Cheektowaga (off Genesee Rd., near Buffalo Niagara Int'l Airport, behind M&T's office)



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Car Shows & Swap Meets

Weeknight Cruise In's