



# The Birds Nest

Newsletter of the Buffalo Thunderbird Club

June 2017

Dedicated to Thunderbird Enthusiasts

## And Now A Few Words From Our President...

Todd Ruth— Buffalo Thunderbird Club President



Club President Todd Ruth (far right), joined by club members Ted Becker, Brian Iten and son, Wendee Lorbeer, Sandy Becker and Art Lorbeer at the Matt Urban VFW Cruise Night on June 14.

Less than 2 months and counting for our "32<sup>nd</sup> Annual All Thunderbird Show" on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>!!! It feels like we just wrapped-up our previous show. The past year has gone by quickly.

Planning for this year's show, which is taking place at a new location - Magraders Restaurant & Pub, in Depew, NY - has gone very well. Special thanks to Matt Dombrowski (*proprietor*) for his enthusiasm and assistance in providing this year's venue and for being so accommodating in our efforts to make this a fantastic event. We are ALL very excited!!!

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## Upcoming Events

Saturday July 8

12:00 Noon

[Magraders Pub](#)

[4995 Broadway Depew, NY 14043](#)

Lunch with Business Meeting  
to Follow

Tuesday July 11

Variety Club Cruise Night

[6114 Broadway, Lancaster NY](#)

Sunday July 23

Annual Rotary Club Car Show

[Northtown Recreation Center](#)

Full Season Schedule  
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As with every show planning cycle feel free to let us know if you're available to assist in any of the following areas:

- ◆ Judging
- ◆ Silent Auction—donations, set-up and ticket sales
- ◆ Show Car Parking Lot Assistants

This season we have 42 members, with a few owning more than 1 Thunderbird. Please mark your calendars and show your support and appreciation in representing the BTC as-well-as Magruders, for the hard work and effort made on behalf of your fellow members.

What we all need to do:

- ◆ Continue selling your 50/50 Raffle Tickets. If you haven't received or are out, don't hesitate to contact me by email or telephone.
- ◆ If you have items to donate for the silent auction please contact me, or any of the Officers, via email or phone to advise what it is.
- ◆ Goody bag items for stuffing event during Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and show preparation event.

**AND... register your car early by mailing your form TODAY! (See page 8.)**

You're encouraged to attend next month's business meeting on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, as we'll be finalizing all aspects of this year's show. Your comments and participation are always appreciated and continue to make these events better every year.

As always, safe and happy cruising!!! Looking forward to seeing you AND your Thunderbird VERY SOON!

Todd



More pix from the  
Matt Urban VFW  
Wednesday  
Cruise Night on  
June 14





## Lake Erie Region AACA Tour and Lunch

BTC member Al Forster reported that Tim Cryan from the Lake Erie Region AACA is the coordinator for the August 13 2017 Tour & Lunch hosted by Dan & Roseann Gernatt.

Cruise through the beautiful southern tier of Western NY and then stop **for lunch and a visit to the Gernatt's large car and automobilia collection.** This is a multi-club event and all are welcome to join for this fun-filled, relaxing day - **not to mention a superb "Roseann style" luncheon.**



Cost is \$20 per person for lunch and tour of car collection.

11:30am-1:30pm ~ **Lunch served at Dan & Roseann's lake house,** 8400 Rt. 62, South Dayton Menu to include ~ BBQ Spare ribs, Sausage, Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Pork Chops, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert and soft drinks.

1:45pm ~ **Depart for tour to Dan & Roseann's Car and Automobilia** collection at the Gernatt Conference Center, 13877 Taylor Hollow Rd. at corner of Richardson Rd., Collins

2:00pm-5:00pm ~ Tour the facilities for a once in a lifetime experience!!

Advance sale only—Deadline August 1!

Admission by wrist band and NO SALES DAY OF EVENT.

Contact Al Forster (716-636-1513 amf6361513@aol.com) if you are interested in attending and he will send you a copy of the event flyer / registration form and coordinate with LER AACA.

Any other questions contact event coordinator Tim Cryan 716-645-4159 tmcryan@buffalo.edu

Please bring your old car - there will be special parking for you!



Support the fight against Ovarian Cancer and buy a raffle ticket to win a 1965 Thunderbird!

[Raffle Ticket Info](#)  
[TealPower Thunderbird Info](#)

[Show and Cruise News](#) magazine has gone totally digital and their latest edition is always available on their [website](#). Be sure to bookmark it and check back often to stay up-to-date on all the latest local and regional news on Rod, Custom and Classic Car Events!

### ***Inquiry from a new club member....***

I just joined the club and was wondering if anyone in the club is doing a current restoration of the 1955 to 1957 Tbird?

If so, can you pass my information to them?

Thanks, Mike Murdola 716 481 4668.

***Please support our sponsor***



*2017 Season Schedule of Buffalo Thunderbird Club Events,  
Other Suggested Cruises, Car Shows and Conventions*

Saturday 7/8 12:00 Noon BTC Meeting [Magruders Pub 4995 Broadway Depew, NY 14043](#)

Tuesday 7/11 [Variety Club Weekly Cruise T-Bird Night 6114 Broadway, Lancaster NY 5PM—9PM Food, Music, Prizes 716-854-7577](#)

Thursday 7/20 Akron Weekly Cruise Blue Oval Night Main Street Akron NY 5PM—9PM Food, Music, Prizes [Akron Chamber of Commerce](#)

Sunday 7/23 14th Annual Amherst Rotary Car Show, **Northtown Recreation Center aka “Pepsi” Center**, 1615 Amherst Manor Dr, Williamsville, NY across from UB North campus. 9AM-4PM Contact Don Vincent (716-704-5621) if you would like to join the club entry to this show

Wednesday 8/2—Sunday 8/6 [CTCI Regional Convention Whippany NJ](#)

» Saturday 8/5 Noon Goodie Bag Stuffing [Magruders Pub 4995 Broadway Depew, NY 14043](#)

» Sunday 8/6 8:30AM - 4PM 32nd Annual ALL THUNDERBIRD SHOW (Same as above)

Tuesday 8/29—Sunday 9/3 [ITC Convention Fort Wayne Indiana](#)

Saturday 9/9 BTC Annual Picnic Meeting details TBD

Thursday 9/14—Sunday 9/17 [VTCL Concours Convention Atlanta GA](#)

Saturday 10/7 BTC Meeting details TBD – Officer Nominations !

Saturday 11/4 6PM Officer Elections and Annual Holiday Party [Magruders Pub 4995 Broadway Depew, NY 14043!](#)

Saturday 12/9 BTC Meeting details TBD

*If you have any suggestions for cruise nights or car shows to be added to our calendar please contact **the Newsletter Editor. Happy Cruisin’ !***

## Cars For Sale

### 1964 Ford Thunderbird

Selling due to ill health. The car is in pristine condition and is a Senior car in ITC. It features a rare Tonneau cover. At shows it normally takes first place. Everything is working with the exception of the Cruise Control. It has new tires, brakes, paint, shocks, front end components, springs, complete engine rebuild, complete transmission rebuild, etc, and is extremely reliable.

Asking \$32,750 for the car or best reasonable offer. I would love the car to go to a good home. Currently it has 55,000 original miles on it. John Rowe 845-889-4054.



### 2003 Ford Thunderbird

Premium, Mountain Shadow Gray with a Black Interior. Excellent condition, 36,800 miles, just inspected, new tires, car cover and tonneau cover included. Contact: Kendra Folker 724-778-8904 folker@zoominternet.net \$12,500



### 2005 50th Anniversary Edition Ford Thunderbird

Bronze exterior (perfect), Cream interior, 10,800 miles, Condition excellent except for boot around handbrake loose and one of the passenger seat warmers not working, new Ford A/C compressor and Ford oil and coolant change. Still has plastic covers on floor mats. Ford hardtop rack and dust cover included. Garaged, 3rd owner. Location Ocala, FL 34480. Contact: George Whitmore 352-512-9575 gdw494@gmail.com Asking \$28,000 / make offer

## Cars For Sale

For Sale: 1962 Thunderbird HT. Freshly rebuilt engine by United Engine Specialists, Cruise-O-Matic overhauled by Fishers. Black Landau top over Rangoon Red body with Kelsey-Hayes type wires and whitewalls. A beautiful car at \$12,500.00 Steve 316-651-5482

For Sale: 1964 Thunderbird HT Landau, 390, good floor pans, rust intrunk, needs restored. In Wichita \$2,000.00 (316) 263-9395

For Sale: **1964 Thunderbird in Chautauqua County, KS. The owner says, "Thunderbird is a powder blue, with similar color interior that is in fairly good shape. The ceiling is down. This is a two door model without a post. It has some rust behind and over the rear wheels. The car needs paint. The car had air conditioning, power steering and brake with an automatic transmission. I had thought that I would be able to preserve, even do some restorations on this car that has been in my family since the late 60's. However, as I approach age 66, this idea seems unlikely. It would be great if an enthusiast wished to adopt for a truly modest fee. I think \$500 is a fair price. It is a good core. John Perkins, crescentrealm@gmail.com"**

Our 32nd Annual All Thunderbird Show is just around the corner,  
and registrations are already coming in!

**Don't forget, this year's show is at a *brand new location*...**

[Magruders Pub](#)  
[4995 Broadway Depew, NY 14043](#)

We have had a couple of meetings there already this spring to check out the facilities and discuss alternatives for some show features.

**Everyone is in agreement that we'll have a great show there!**

Please help out if you can with any donations for the basket raffles or for goodie bag items. Contact any club officer (listed on the pg 1) for more info.

See the last page of this newsletter for the show flyer and registration form. The pre-registration deadline is August 1, so why not take a moment and fill-in and mail your registration *today!*





Classic Thunderbird Club International  
Region 1 2017 Convention Aug 2-6  
<http://www.ctci.org/events.php>



International Thunderbird Club  
2017 Convention Aug 29 –Sept 3  
<http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/news-events/>



Vintage Thunderbird Club International  
2017 Concours Convention  
Sept 14-17 Atlanta <http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/events.htm>

A message from Tom Hueston, BTC Vice President and ITC North East District Advisor

It's with sadness that I take the reins of North East District Advisor from John Rowe so soon, as John had to resign. I look forward to serving the ITC and also representing our club. If you have any questions about the ITC please feel free to contact me. I attended my first event as District Advisor June 14th the summer of love cruise. it was a great event and was glad to see so many members and cars.

Speaking of events I want to remind everyone that in 2018 our club has been chosen to host the ITC annual convention right here in Buffalo. This is going to prove to be an exciting event and one I hope everyone will talk about for years to come. Your committee is off to a good start, as we have finalized the hotel contract, and the banquet facility. Looking forward to seeing everyone at events and cruises!

Tom Hueston ITC North East District Advisor

# 32nd Annual All Thunderbird Show

## Sunday August 6, 2017 9:00AM—4PM

Event Schedule: Registration Opens at 9:00AM until Noon Goodie Bag to first 50 cars Awards in each Class begins at 3:30PM

50's & 60's music by DJ Dan the Music Man Multiple Awards in 13 Classes + Best in Show + People's Choice Fun for Everyone!

Easy access from the I-90 at Depew exit 49.

\*\*\* NEW LOCATION \*\*\*

**Magruders Restaurant & Pub**  
**4995 Broadway Depew NY 14043**

Show cars and spectator parking enter from Warsaw St off Broadway



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A portion of the proceeds of the 50/50 raffle benefit

For more information contact Todd 716-903-1965, Tom 585-309-6442 or visit the club website [www.buffalothunderbirdclub.org](http://www.buffalothunderbirdclub.org). Membership in the Buffalo Thunderbird Club is not required to register your car for the show. Pre-registration deadline is August 1st.

+++ Free Admission & Parking for Spectators Basket Raffles Silent Auction 50 /50 Split Raffle Food and Beverages from Magruders Pub +++

To pre-register, cut along the dotted line and mail your \$10 check and completed form to the club at the address below

### 2017 ALL THUNDERBIRD SHOW REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK IF  BTC MEMBER

**CONTACT INFORMATION (NON MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE FILL IN)**

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ BODY STYLE \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS # \_\_\_\_\_ DISPLAY ONLY

Vehicles with modifications may chose to register in Class #13 Modified. No judging point deductions are made for modifications in Class #13. Cars in this class are judged on appearance only and not authenticity, and with no preference as to model year or generation. Vehicles registered *Display Only* are not judged or eligible for awards.

| JUDGED CLASSES         |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. 1955 STOCK          | 7. 1961-63 CONVERTIBLE |
| 2. 1956 STOCK          | 8. 1964-66 HTP, LANDAU |
| 3. 1957 STOCK          | 9. 1964-66 CONVERTIBLE |
| 4. 1958-60 HARDTOP     | 10. 1967-1982          |
| 5. 1958-60 CONVERTIBLE | 11. 1983-1997          |
| 6. 1961-63 HTP, LANDAU | 12. 2002-2005          |
|                        | 13. MODIFIED ALL YEARS |

**MAIL TO :**  
 Todd Ruth  
 115 Lennox Ave  
 Eggertsville NY 14226-4266

**CAR NO.**  
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OFFICIAL USE ONLY

PRE-REGISTRATION \$10.00 ( ) GATE REGISTRATION \$15.00 ( )

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BUFFALO THUNDERBIRD CLUB