



# The Birds Nest

Newsletter of the Buffalo Thunderbird Club

July 2017

Dedicated to Thunderbird Enthusiasts

## From the President...

Todd Ruth— Buffalo Thunderbird Club President



A couple of pictures from our 2016 Show to whet your appetite! Best in Show and Dealer's Choice Award Winners, Joe Dudek with his 1960 Hardtop and Scott Ciesielski with his 1988 Coupe

In less than a month the "32<sup>nd</sup> Annual All Thunderbird Show" will be upon us, on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>!!!

This year's event finds us at a new location— [Magruders Restaurant & Pub](#). Our sincerest thanks to Matt Dombrowski and his staff for rolling out the red carpet, making the BTC feel welcome these past months and for accommodating our forthcoming show needs. That, in itself, has helped us a lot and we are extremely grateful.

As pre-planning wraps-up don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or are able to provide any assistance, etc. The more member participation the better, right, especially during this event. If you have silent auction items to donate or need to obtain additional 50/50 Raffle Tickets contact Don Vincent or myself to arrange pickup.

Preregistration forms have been arriving over the past few weeks. If you haven't mailed yours and will be attending please do so TODAY! (Editors Note: See the last page of this newsletter for a copy of the show flyer and registration form.) It makes this piece of the preparations so much easier while providing a glimpse of participant totals.

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## Upcoming Events

Thursday July 20  
Blue Oval Night  
[Main St Akron NY](#)

Sunday July 23  
Annual Rotary Club Car Show  
[Northtown Recreation Center](#)

Sat August 5  
Pre Show Activities  
12 Noon

Sun August 6  
32nd Annual  
All Thunderbird Show  
9AM-4PM

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

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Bart Bartasavich (*President of the ITC*) and his wife, Vera, will be in attendance again this year. Hoping to see as many of you, if not more, during our annual festivities to meet/greet them as-well-as show your support and recognition for the time and hard work made by various members for all to enjoy. It will definitely be a fun event.

As always, safe and happy cruising!!! Looking forward to having us AND our Thunderbirds together SOON!

Todd

*More Memories from the 2016 show*



*Bart and Vera and their Red Retro*



*Post-show dinner on the waterfront*



*"Retro Row" at the 2016 Show*

## 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](mailto: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!

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

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

### 1966 Ford Thunderbird Convertible

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. Last year for the convertible T-Bird!

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.



### 1956 Ford Thunderbird

312 V-8 Automatic (24,100 orig. miles), Colonial White (w/ porthole hard top incl.) w/ black and white interior, black soft top, aftermarket AC and real wire wheels and custom made to match- center console w/ storage and cup holders, power windows/seats/steering and brakes, also comes with lots of car show extras. Contact: Rusty or Nancy 412-881-5864 theoceancaptain4@aol.com \$60,000 Firm



### 1967 Ford Thunderbird

Hardtop, restored, professional paint job, light blue with white vinyl hardtop and dark blue interior. AM/FM radio and cassette, stainless exhaust, new gas tank, radiator re-core, transmission overhauled, engines runs on unleaded gas. Excellent condition. Contact: Edward Kemena 724-266-0320 edkemena@aol.com \$14,000 OBO



## More Cars For Sale

2003 Ford Thunderbird (pictured)  
Call 561-386-8689 Car is located in Okeechobee FL

### 2003 Ford Thunderbird

Less than 20,000 original miles, merlot with tan leather, always garaged, no winters, no accidents, hardtop with stand, excellent throughout. Asking \$20,500. Art Lewis, (616) 826-3968, [artklewis@gmail.com](mailto:artklewis@gmail.com)



1962 Ford 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

1964 Ford Thunderbird HT Landau, 390, good floor pans, rust in trunk, needs restored. In Wichita \$2,000.00 (316) 263-9395

## Parts For Sale

1957 Seat Foam set. (NEW) Contact Jim Greenwood Phone 941-505-8213 or e-mail [jimjudyg@hotmail.com](mailto:jimjudyg@hotmail.com)

**Set of 5 14" x 6" FORD Steel Rims 5 x 4 1/2" bolt pattern**, original equipment from a 1960 Thunderbird. Fits a variety of Ford and other DRUM BRAKE vehicles. Excellent condition. \$150/OBO Don Vincent [don44vincent@aol.com](mailto:don44vincent@aol.com) 716-704-5621

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](#)

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 preregistration deadline is August 1, so why not take a moment and fill-in and mail your registration *today!*



International Thunderbird Club  
2017 Convention Aug 29 –Sept 3  
[http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/news  
-events/](http://www.intl-thunderbirdclub.com/news-events/)

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

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

July is upon us! I hope everyone is out there enjoying your Thunderbird and attending some cruise nights and car shows. Speaking of cruise nights I will be joining you for the July 20th Akron Blue Oval Night. I am pleased to announce that for our car show Aug. 6th, ITC President Bart and Vera Bartsavich will be joining us. For the 2017 ITC convention I am pleased to report that Todd Ruth, Don Vincent, and myself will be attending. This will give us a chance to see first hand how the convention is done and take notes for next year. We will be giving a brief presentation of our planning to-date for 2018. I also want to thank the club for placing an ad in this year's convention program. This will give everyone a first look at next year's event. The logo looks great. Special thanks to Don Vincent for his work on the logo. The logo will appear on the award plaques, registration form, tee shirts, and even banners. We are off to a good start and will make 2018 a year to remember. Until then happy cruising and see you at the car show!

Tom



Vintage Thunderbird Club International  
2017 Concours Convention  
Sept 14-17 Atlanta [http://  
vintagethunderbirdclub.net/events.htm](http://vintagethunderbirdclub.net/events.htm)

# 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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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.

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