



The Birds Nest

Dedicated to Thunderbird Enthusiasts — — Newsletter of the Buffalo Thunderbird Club

October 2017

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Oct 17 6:30PM

2018 ITC Convention
Planning Meeting

[Bill Gray's 8214 Main St Clarence](#)

Saturday Nov 4 6:00PM

Annual Holiday PARTY!

[Magruders Pub](#)

[4995 Broadway Depew, NY 14043](#)

Saturday December 2
Business Meeting and ??
Time and Location TBD

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Annual Picnic Great Fun For All !!

Don Vincent — Newsletter Editor

Our annual fall picnic took place on October 7, another beautiful Saturday afternoon here in Western New York! Thanks to our most genial hosts, Wendee & Art Lorbeer, who once again put out a great spread! Art entertained us all with his annual Thunderbird Puzzler, which was won (*accidentally*, he claims) by Club VP Tom Hueston! Attending were Tony Frandina, new members Patty & Mike Frederick and Maria & Patrick Golder, Gail & Tom Hueston, Wendee & Art Lorbeer, Brandon Reddy, John Rotella, Todd Ruth, George Trautman, Jim Trautman and yours truly. We did manage to squeeze in a business meeting in between all the socializing. Plans are well underway for the 2018 ITC Convention and of course we discussed next month's Holiday Party!



Art Lorbeer with this year's puzzler

We also provided a brief history of the club and our parent club affiliations for our new members who attended.

Welcome To Our Newest Club Members!

Mike & Patty Frederick

Patrick & Maria Golder

Robert Mech

and returning after a brief absence..

Rocky & Marcia Nagel



Mike & Patty Frederick's 2005 Retrobird

For Sale

1955 Thunderbird Hard Top has small emblems on sides, Good condition, has been in dry storage for years. \$1500. Call Jerry Brownrout at 716 691 7456 (H) or call/text 716 491 4968. *[Editor's Note: This top is from the estate of one of our charter club members, Ed Karnofsky.]* (10/17)

1957 Thunderbird white, has a black and white interior, manual transmission, and a black soft top only. California car in good condition with an older restoration and has Kelsey Hayes wire wheels. Asking \$33,000. Kurt Edwards (716) 625-9309 (10/17)



1957 Thunderbird (pictured, left) black with white hardtop, repro convertible top, three speed Trans. Radial white walls, new upholstery price \$28000 John Fertig. Phone 347-461-0230 New Jersey (10/17)

1956 Thunderbird Beautiful Black paint Automatic trans. Port hole Top, Soft top and Tonneau cover and Coker wide white walls. A very good driver that runs cool all day long. I don't drive it enough to justify having it. Asking \$35.000 OBO. For information contact Frank Seidell at 413-530-6358 Ft. Myers FL (10/17)

Wanted—1959 Thunderbird Grille Don Vincent 716-704-5621 don44vincent@aol.com (10/17)

Hi My name is Linda I'm in search to find an owner of a 59' Tbird convertible, I have reached out to a couple of clubs but so far no luck. My neighbor/ friend used to work for Ford yrs ago, he just made his 81 st Birthday and he's not doing well health wise on Oxygen 24-7 has lung disease, and a heart problems. I'm a car enthusiast and anytime I see him he always mentions owning a 59' Tbird convertible explaining the top tucks down under. I so much am trying to make his wish become reality by maybe having an owner of this car come see him one last time; we live in Islip NY, although this may be a long shot it's worth trying or asking.

Thank you Linda Peenut308@aol.com (10/17)

For Sale



1987 Ford Thunderbird white, 4 cyl 2.3L turbo, 5 speed. New gas tank, fuel pump, fuel filter 8/6/2014, power steering rack and hoses 9/3/2014, heater core 9/9/14, ABS Master cylinder unit, alternator 2/19/2015. Restorable project car or parts. \$300 OBO Kathy (716) 649-4395 kathy8653@aol.com Vehicle is located at John's Auto Service - 2230 Abbott Road Lackawanna, NY 14218 (10/17)

2004 Ford Thunderbird

One owner 8,475 original miles. Merlot with Sand Package. Top was changed to Merlot because

the Sand top was getting stains just from lowering and raising top. Summer driven only, never driven in rain, stored winters in heated garage on car skates. Tires replaced in 2014 with 55 Series Michelins, which give a better ride and fill the wheel wells better than a 50 Series tire. Is in the 2017 Squarebirds calendar. Merlot Hardtop was removed first week, and has been on the factory stand with cover in the garage since. \$24,000 Obo.

elijahbird7@gmail.com. In Northeast Illinois. Prefer email correspondence first, since I tend not to answer the phone unless I know the caller. Jim Elijah (8/17)



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. (7/17)



For Sale

1956 Thunderbird Frame off restoration done 5 years ago: In storage since. Fully restored engine, interior, transmission. Has both tops. Black exterior, WW tires. \$35,000. Contact Jerre Walker 716-652-2085. (8/17)

1957 Thunderbird Restored, all options. 312 engine, both tops. Black with red interior. Excellent runner. Many extras. \$38,000 Contact Larry Gee at 716-754-7854 (8/17)

2003 Ford Thunderbird (pictured, right) Call 561-386-8689 Car is located in Okeechobee FL (7/17)

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 (7/17)

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 (7/17)

1964 Ford Thunderbird HT Landau, 390, good floor pans, rust in trunk, needs restored. In Wichita \$2,000.00 (316) 263-9395 (7/17)

1957 Seat Foam set. (NEW) Contact Jim Greenwood Phone 941-505-8213 jimjudyg@hotmail (7/17)



292 or 312 ford motor Good afternoon — I am trying to restore my first car that I built just wondered if you knew of any motors that are for sale trying get the car running before winter sets, in my engine is not worth rebuilding ! thank you for your time Peter Rug email pdr330@hotmail.com (10/17)

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Dues reminder...

Our Annual Early Holiday Party is just around the corner on Saturday November 4, and that's always a convenient time to remember to renew you annual membership. Make your \$25 check payable to the Buffalo Thunderbird Club and bring it along, or mail to Todd Ruth 115 Lennox Ave Eggertsville NY 14226



Saturday November 4 6:00PM Annual Holiday PARTY!

In order to enjoy our Annual Holiday Party with snow bird club members before they depart for the winter, we have decided that an early holiday party is just the thing! Also, we'll use any excuse for a party! So, in a long-standing tradition now in its 2nd year, this year's Annual Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza, Harvest and Pagan Festival will be held on Saturday November 4 at 6:00PM at [Magruders 4995 Broadway Depew NY 14043](#) 6PM. Dress is casual and the menu is upscale bar fare.

We will be ordering off the menu with separate checks. The club will kick in for hors d'oeuvres and dessert. Attendees are invited to bring a wrapped children's gift for donation. We will also be conducting our usual Yankee Gift Swap—just bring a \$25 value item to participate!

Although unconfirmed at press time, we may also be joined by a *Very Special Guest* ...

PLEASE RSVP TO ME IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. 716-704-5621 don44vincent@aol.com by Wednesday November 1 so we have head count for the restaurant table set-up.

Tom Hueston and Todd Ruth are co-chairs for the 2018 International Thunderbird Club Silver Anniversary Convention to be held here in the Buffalo / Niagara region on August 7-12, 2018. So in place of our usual club-sponsored All Thunderbird Show next year, we'll be hosting the convention Concours show as well as all the other convention activities and events. The convention hotel is the brand new [Hyatt Place 5020 Main St Amherst NY](#), conveniently located at the [I-90 / I-290 interchange](#).

One important change for 2018 is that the convention Concours show will be held on SATURDAY August 11 instead of on the traditional Sunday for Buffalo Thunderbird Club shows. **We'll revert to our usual Sunday format in 2019.**

Watch this space for all the latest 2018 ITC Convention News!

If you are interested in volunteering to help organize and plan the 2018 ITC Convention, we need you! Contact any of the officers listed on page 1 of this newsletter for more information.

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