



The Birds Nest

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

December 2017

Upcoming Events

Saturday Jan 6
Business Meeting
12:00 Noon
Bill Grays
[8214 Main St Clarence](#)

Sunday Jan 14 Noon
Buffalo Clutch Artists
Calendar Meeting

Saturday Feb 3

Time & Location Details
TBD

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Don Vincent — Newsletter Editor



Our 'Birds resting comfortably in their winter nests, the members and officers of the Buffalo Thunderbird Club wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Joyous Holiday Season! Looking forward to the New Year and our next club meeting and get-together on Saturday January 6 at 12 Noon at [Bill Gray's 8214 Main St Clarence](#), just east of Transit Road. Your BTC Host Chapter Convention Committee members — Co Chairmen Tom Hueston and Todd Ruth, and members Gail Hueston, Gregg

Zimmermann, Nancy & Bill Crane and yours truly—will have much to share at the meeting, including the final convention event schedule and registration form!

The convention committee has been meeting every two weeks throughout the fall season to work through the tremendous variety of touring options available in the Buffalo / Niagara region, with a deadline of December 31st to have all the details finalized. Special thanks to Tom and Gail Hueston, who together have chased down nearly every



detail, many more than once, as the BTC committee and the ITC executives have fine-tuned the schedule and agenda. With the help of our [Visit Buffalo Niagara](#) representatives, as of press time for this newsletter we are putting the finishing touches on a 5-day calendar of events filled with some of the best attractions that our area has to offer! Our only regret is that we couldn't include more!

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Beginning with the *Welcome Reception* on Tuesday August 7th, with a special guest appearance by Lauren Fix *The Car Coach™*, convention attendees can enjoy the all inclusive motor coach tours on Wednesday to the **Pierce Arrow / Buffalo Transportation Museum and Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House**, Thursday to Niagara Falls NY including the Maid of the Mist, Terrapin Point, Top of the Falls and more, and Friday to a private dinner cruise along the Buffalo waterfront aboard the Miss Buffalo II! Saturday is the Annual ITC Concours Show with judging beginning at 10:30AM, and followed by the grand finale, the Silver Anniversary Awards Banquet at 6PM Saturday evening. All motor coach tours to convention venues will start at the convention host hotel [Hyatt Place Buffalo Amherst 5020 Main Street Amherst NY 14226](#) (716) 839-4040. Reservations are already filling up quickly, even before the registration form is available, and so Bart has been in contact with the hotel to expand our [reserved block of rooms](#). We are all excited about the schedule and are hopeful that our out-of-town guests **and all local T'Bird fans** - ITC members, BTC members or no member at all — **come and enjoy the outings with us, and of course, enter their T'Bird in the Concours Show!** We are all very much looking forward to a great ITC convention here next August.

Meanwhile, long-time BTC members Ted and Sandy Becker had to make an early return to their winter home in the Florida Keys this past September, to assess the damage caused by Hurricane Irma. They recently contacted club VP Tom Hueston with this update:

Dear Friends;

Several of you have asked how the Florida Keys are doing after the hurricane and the answer is good to not good at all. Key West I am told, is back to normal but as you travel north, through the lower Keys, things get really bad all the way to Marathon. Then it gets slowly better up to Key Largo but the ocean side (east coast) took the brunt of the cat. 4 storm. (140 MPH winds). The 8 foot storm surge got up our floor joists but not into our home. Thank God. As I noted before, we lost our 2004 T-Bird, golf cart, washer, dryer, and many tools and misc. items to storm surge.

Our community had a great deal of damage especially the ocean front homes. Those homes are on stilts and most lost their front porches and down stairs enclosures. Any golf cart (there were many), washer, dryer, refrigerator, etc. were under storm surge and are destroyed. The trash throughout the community was lining the streets as high as 10 feet. Unbelievable. After great effort we have been able to clear our community but route 1 highway is not finished yet and is very depressing to drive on. The DOT, county, and FEMA are currently fighting about who is going to pay for the final clean up and nothing is getting done about the horrendous mess.

Most of the resorts are closed and won't reopen until late next year.

Thankfully, Sandy and I are fine and preparing for the holidays.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Ted & Sandy



Ted and Sandy at the BTC annual fall picnic September 2016



For Sale

1963 Thunderbird Principality of Monaco and collection of Bulletbird parts. Bob Chambers (716) 372-6825 (12/17)

1964 Thunderbird (pictured, right) this 64 has some 65 appointments and includes a rare continental kit. Has had extensive restoration, fresh paint, runs well. 390 Auto/AC/PS/PB. Needs some electrical work. \$6,200 Martin 716-578-0781 (11/17)

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)

1962 Thunderbird Sports Roadster Restoration has been started but needs to be completed. Body/ chassis has been rotisserie sand blasted and epoxy primed. All sheet metal is absolutely like brand new. Doors, Hood, Trunk & deck lid have been painted black with clear coat. Chassis needs to be painted black. 390 Engine has been completely rebuilt & balanced. 3-speed automatic transmission has been completely rebuilt. Four Brand new Kelsey Hayes wire wheel (still in boxes). Most of the re-chroming has been completed. Currently has blue interior, power windows and A/C. Original fiberglass tonneau cover (not after market). All hydraulics work O.K. Only 1,462 Sports Roadsters made in 1962. Asking \$10,000. Call Bob @ (585) 729-7180 robertmech123@gmail.com (11/17)



1963 Thunderbird (pictured below, left) Original #2 maroon HT 48,417Miles, 390 cu in, C6 trans \$28,500 OBO Anna Scarafia 716-863-5725 (11/17)

1964 Thunderbird (pictured below, right) #2 light blue metallic repaint, 89K miles, 390 cu in, C6 trans \$24,000 OBO Anna Scarafia 716-863-5725 (11/17)



For Sale

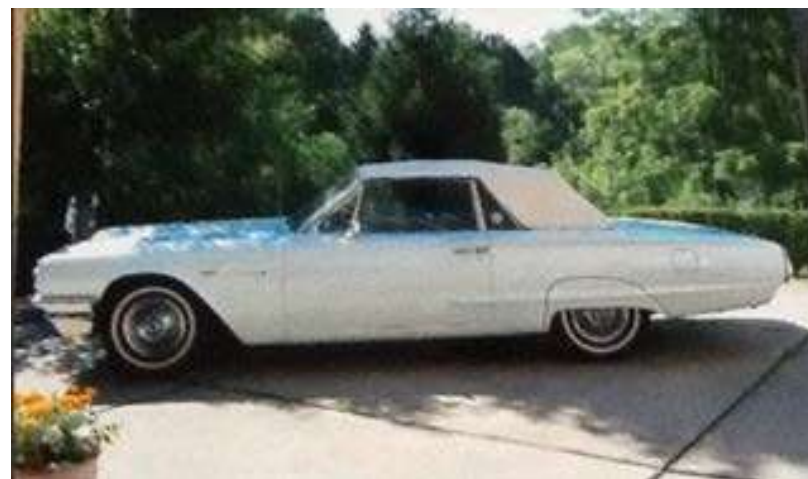


1987 Ford Thunderbird white, 4 cyl 2.3L turbo, 5 speed. New gas tank, fuel pump, fuel filter 8/6/2014, power steering rack and hoses 9/3/2014, heater core 9/9/14, ABS Master cylinder unit, alternator 2/19/2015. Restorable project car or parts. \$300 OBO Kathy (716) 649-4395 kathy8653@aol.com Vehicle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

1964 Ford Thunderbird Convertible

Completely restored, show ready.V8-390,PS,PB,AC. Am/Fm. Less than 100 miles on

new transmission, seatbelts installed in back seat New disc brakes all around. New convertible top. Excellent condition. Monica Horner 412-400-3100 babcia22@Verizon.net \$22,000 OBO (11/17)



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)

1966 Ford Thunderbird

Black with red interior, 390 Cu in, auto, 77K miles, new seat covers, A/C needs repair \$5,900 or BO Art Baj 716-675-4727 (11/17)



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2018 Dues are due by January 1.....renew your Buffalo Thunderbird Club Membership TODAY!

Make your \$25 check payable to the Buffalo Thunderbird Club
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1959 Ford Thunderbird for parts or for restoration. It is pretty complete and would be a great total restoration for the right folks. I will sell it for parts but would prefer to sell the whole car. Asking \$5000. Skip Eckartz sailor36x20@gmail.com or 850-428-8315. (12/17)

HAPPY NEW YEAR





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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Mark your calendar for these 2018 Winter Events

JAN 14 - JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PLANNING MEETING –
www.clutchartists.com

***CORRECTED DATE - FEB 4 - 16th ANNUAL SNOW BUSTER AUTOMOTIVE SWAP MEET -**
 Events Center at The Fairgrounds at Hamburg, NY, 5820 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY-. 9am-3pm. Sponsored by Model "A" Restorer's Club Niagara Frontier Region. INFO: Jim 716-337-0646, email: jrummer48@yahoo.com

MAR 2-4 - 25th ANNUAL Advance Auto Parts, Tread City Tire "CAVALCADE OF CARS" -
 Event Center, The Fairgrounds, 5820 South Park Ave., Hamburg, NY. Check out www.cavalcadeofcars.com for information.

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, we'll be hosting the ITC 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](http://www.hyatt.com), conveniently located at the [I-90 / I-290 interchange](http://www.90and290.com).

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.**

See Page 2 for information about some of the convention events being planned!

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