

The Birds' Nest

Official Newsletter of the Buffalo Thunderbird Club
December 2009

Secretary's Report:

The November meeting was held 11/7/09 courtesy of George and Jim Trautman and Seabee Hall. Our Thanks to George and Jim for being our hosts – we enjoyed delicious subs, wings and many dessert options! Welcome to new members Art and Wendy who joined us at the meeting. The meeting topic was election of officers. Our officers ran unopposed so elections were brief! We are very happy (and VERY grateful) to have Rich DeMarco continue on as our President. Bruno Lombardo is stepping into the Vice President position as Gregg Zimmerman is stepping down. Many thanks to Gregg for being our 2009 VP – we greatly appreciate all your support to the club and all the informative contributions to the newsletter (Gregg will continue to be the club VTCI rep) – THANK YOU on behalf of the club. Thanks to Bruno for filling the VP position – Bruno brings many years of experience as an officer and we are glad he is taking on the position. Byrnie continues as club treasurer, I will continue as secretary AND thanks to Joe Kubik for continuing on as our newsletter editor and chief!! Thank you to all our club officers – we are looking forward to a great 2010 year for the club!

Our December meeting is our club Christmas party/dinner on Saturday December 5th at 6pm. Just a reminder cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm. Following dinner will be the \$15

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**Our Next
Meeting
is the Christmas
Party on
Dec. 5**



Thank You to Gregg Zimmerman for all the articles contributed to our newsletter, we would only have one page without him!

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**ENJOY
THOSE
BIRDS!**

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Next Meeting: The next meeting is the Christmas Party at Tony Rome's, 711 Main St East Aurora. Cocktails at 6:00, with dinner at 6:30. There is Public Parking close by or on the Street.

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(wrapped) gift exchange/steal for those who wish to participate. Toy donations will be accepted to donate to The News Neediest (unwrapped please). Please have your dinner choices and payment to Byrnie by 11/29/09 . We will have a brief meeting to discuss our 2010 car show date.

Just a reminder 2010 dues are due! \$25 – check payable to the The Buffalo Thunderbird Club sent to Byrnie Schonhart 1980 King Rd , Forestville , NY 14062 (965-4171).

Wishing you all a Happy (and delicious) Thanksgiving!! See you at the Christmas Party!-Lorrie S.

New Rules:

Effective 2010, The GTO Association of America (GTOAA) is mandating that their chapters have a roster that includes a 50% membership in the GTOAA. They needed to do something about rogue chapters, and this is the course they've chosen. That decision was announced at the local Chapter membership meeting on Wednesday. Failure to comply with the GTOAA's new ruling would mean loss of chapter affiliation.

The GTOAA, like CTCI and VTCI provides chapter support in the form of insurance, stipends for Regional, National and International Conventions, technical experts through the website and the website itself.

This could snowball as other National and International Clubs try to deal with the same issue.-Gregg Z.

DUES FOR 2010 ARE NOW DUE

\$25

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From the Treasurer:

The treasurer is asking anyone who has a new address, email, phone number or any changes to their membership to **PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU SEND IN YOUR 2010 DUES.**

This is important in order for you to get newsletters or any news about the club. If you change any time in the year please let me know.-Byrnie S.

Car for Sale?:

The Question isn't, is this a car? The question is, why would someone do this to it??? This is a 2002 Thunderbird with less than 6500 original miles on it for sale on E-Bay.-Gregg Z.



**Please remember to bring a
new unwrapped toy
to the Christmas Party,
These will be taken to The Buffalo News
for the News Neediest Fund**

Morano Pearl Tbird



Built over a nine month period in 1955, it is a very early example of the application of Morano Pearl over its hand formed lead and metal coachwork. Upon completion, its initial showing was at the Ford Rotunda in 1956, attesting to its beauty. The current owner has had the car since the late 1950s and was friends with its two previous owners.

