

The Birds' Nest

Official Newsletter of the Buffalo Thunderbird Club
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Secretary's Report:

Our 25th Annual Thunderbird Show Sunday Aug 15th was a great success!!! The early morning rain was enough to keep some birds home but 19 birds showed up for what turned out to be a beautiful (bit muggy) day!!! THANK YOU to West Herr for being our sponsor and for all the support given our club!!!!!!! Thanks to all the members for all their hard work with all the planning/prep work, goodie bag, Chinese auction items and running the show. A special thank you to all those who participated in the show – the birds were beautiful to see! (Gregg Zimmerman emailed some great show photos! – Thank you Gregg!). Good food, good music, good friends and spectacular birds made for a great day!!!

Our July meeting was held the night before our show. Thank you to Sandy and Ted Becker for hosting our delicious meeting!!! Our September meeting is our club picnic and will be at Byrnie and Paul Schonhart's on Sunday Sept 12th – 1pm . Please bring a dish to pass. Please call Byrnie/Paul 965-4171 by Monday 9/6 to RSVP (1980 King Rd., Forestville, 14062). Please join us at the picnic for an update on the car show and ideas for the future of our club. See you at the picnic!-Lorrie S.

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Picnic on
Sept. 12**



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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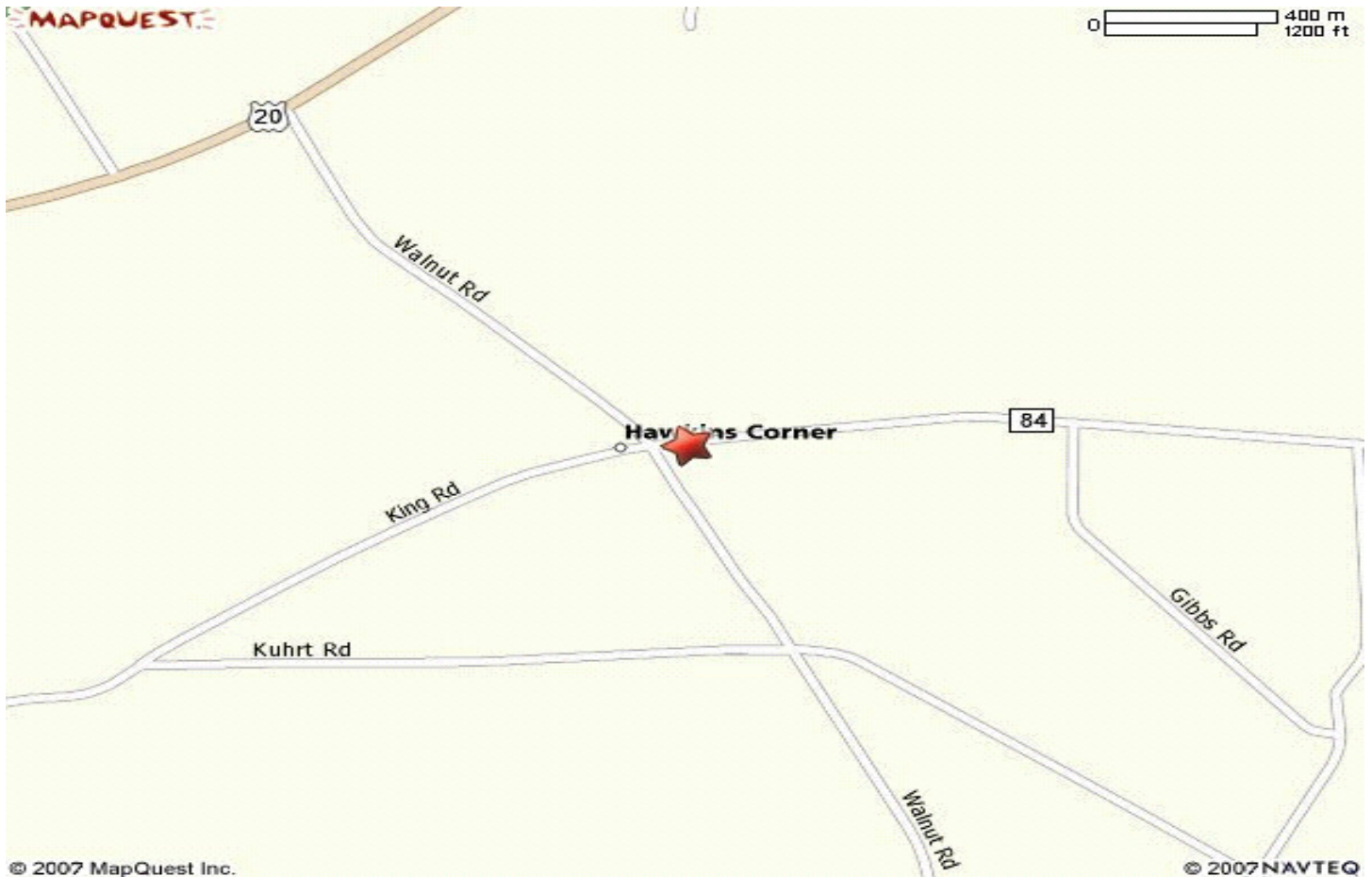
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**ENJOY
THOSE
BIRDS!**

Support WEST-HERR FORD, our club's sponsor



Next Meeting: The next meeting is **SUNDAY**, Sept. 12th, at 1:00. Please call Byrnie at 965-4171 by Wednesday Sept. 8th, and bring a dish to pass if you plan on coming. This is the Club Picnic and all members are welcome. They always are a good time. **Directions:** Take the Thruway to exit 58 Silver Creek. Follow Rt. 20 West into the Village. (a Rite-Aid and gazebo at the corner). At the light, follow Rt. 20 for 3.4 miles to Walnut Rd. on your Left. Turn on Walnut, go to stop sign, our house is on the left. 2 story brick colonial. If lost call 965-4171. I will have a sign that says Buffalo Thunderbird Club on the corner of Walnut Rd. along with balloons on the sign.

The September Meeting is Very Important:

**The future of the Buffalo Thunderbird Club
will be discussed.**

**Bring your ideas about where the Club is headed
and share them at this time**

**If the club is important to you this is the
Time to make it known!**

Ford Sells Concept Cars:

The sales raised nearly \$1 million, with the Ford Motor Company donating the proceeds to the [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#) and to the [Children's Center](#) of Wayne County, Mich., which helps troubled children and families.

Highlights of the concepts included the 2001 Lincoln Mk9 coupe and Mark X concepts, as well as two forms of the 2002 Lincoln Continental — one a shell used on the auto show circuit and the other a nonrunning version with center-opening doors on complex articulating hinges and a pull-out luggage tray in the trunk, intended to hold matching Zero Halliburton aluminum luggage. The shell sold for \$15,400, and the more complete Continental sold for \$56,500. (All prices include a 10 percent buyer premium.)

These cars were produced in the Lincoln design studio when it was headed by Gerry McGovern, who is now head of design for Land Rover. At the time, Mr. McGovern said he was trying to establish a new Lincoln look that would evoke not only the first Continental of 1940, and the opulent 1956 Continental Mark II, but also such icons of luxury as Wally B yachts.

The Mk9 reinterpreted the classic Lincoln grille and fender edges of the Continental. The interior combined dark cherry red and Marlboro red leather; its cantilevered seats were inspired by a furniture icon, the Eames lounge chair. The intended engine was a 414-horsepower V-12. The Mk9 was among three concept cars to bring six-figure prices, selling for \$101,750.

Another six-figure sale was the 2004 Lincoln Mark X Concept, an even further-out vision of Lincoln's future as a brand combining performance with luxury. It sold for \$101,750 including buyer's premium.

This is not the first time Ford has sold off some of the concept cars in its attic. In 2002, the company consigned more than 50 concepts to [Christie's](#), which auctioned them for charity at Ford's Product Development Center in Dearborn, Mich. At the time, Ford's vice president for design, J Mays, said: "These cars have helped define us as a company. Rather than letting them fall apart in the warehouse or crushing them, we wanted to put these prototypes in the hands of other people who love them."-Gregg Z.

More Burma Shave Signs:

A GUY WHO DRIVES
A CAR WIDE OPEN
IS NOT THINKIN'
HE'S JUST HOPIN'

Burma Shave

AT INTERSECTIONS
LOOK EACH WAY
A HARP SOUNDS NICE
BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY

Burma Shave

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL
EYES ON THE ROAD
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL
DRIVER'S CODE

Burma Shave

THE ONE WHO DRIVES
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING
DEPENDS ON YOU
TO DO HIS THINKING

Burma Shave

CAR IN DITCH
DRIVER IN TREE
THE MOON WAS FULL
AND SO WAS HE.

Burma Shave

-Gregg Z.

Car for Sale:

****ORIGINAL OWNER**** Selling 1988 Ford Thunderbird Turbo Coupe

The car has been stored indoors (heated), it is near new and just drop dead beautiful inside and out. Has been very well taken care of and it shows. All original, no hacks, spin backs or tricks. You must see this car if you are a serious collector. While no car is perfect, this one comes very close. I'll let the pictures do the rest of the talking . . .

www.wix.com/arkzzz1/88tbird

Send me an email if you are interested and lets discuss, thanks for looking.

50/50 Winner:

The winner of 50/50 split at car show was Dan Poodry (I believe he is from Akron) Rich sold the ticket and said it was his neighbor.-Byrnie S.