

The Hoodcoop Newsletter for the
Maumee Valley Thunderbird Club
Classic Thunderbird Club
International, Chapter 70
July 2025

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President's Message....

On June 25th, a summit was held in Bloomington, MI at the Gallery Restaurant. Norma and I were invited to join Dave Campbell, Gene Nelson (American Road Thunderbird Club, Barry and Nancy Burnham (Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club) to discuss the direction our clubs were going in. We are

all facing that our club membership is aging out. Barry made a list of things we could do to help retain members listed below

- Assist members in getting their cars to events
- Encourage family members to get involved
- Use newsletter to engage members
- Call members you haven't seen in awhile
- Recognize senior members
- Engage young people
- Partnering with neighboring Thunderbird Car Clubs
- Develop a resource guide for members

It was a successful meeting with some fresh ideas to work on.

ALSO.....Barry Burnham has offered to help us update our Membership sign up sheet into a tri-fold flier. He has some wonderful templates for design and just needs our information & pictures. Thank you, Barry!!!!

Merrit Higbie's Surprised Visit

June 26th, a group of our members went to the Oak Opening Charter Senior Living Center. Merritt was VERY Surprised and was very happy to see everyone. It was a good time for all members who were able to make it.





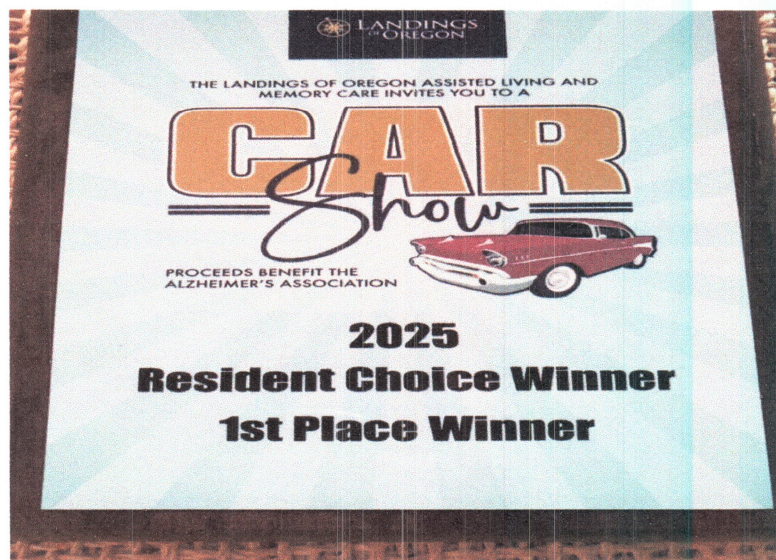
The Ford House Tour

June 22nd our club was invited to join the Water Wonderland Thunderbird Club to the Ford House in Grosse Pointe, MI. Two of our members, Luis & Angie Escobedo, when on the tour and shared some pics with us. YEP, they enjoyed it!!!



CONGRADULATIONS!!!!!!

LYNN KOSSOW SHOWED HIS '57
THUNDERBIRD AT THE LANDINGS of Oregon
CAR SHOW AND WON A TROPHY FOR "BEST OF
SHOW"



Calling all Art Enthusiast.... If you are interested in learning some new art techniques, get in touch with Elaine Gregory. Grab a friend or family member to do it together



Host of The Brick House
Leonard & Elaine Gregory

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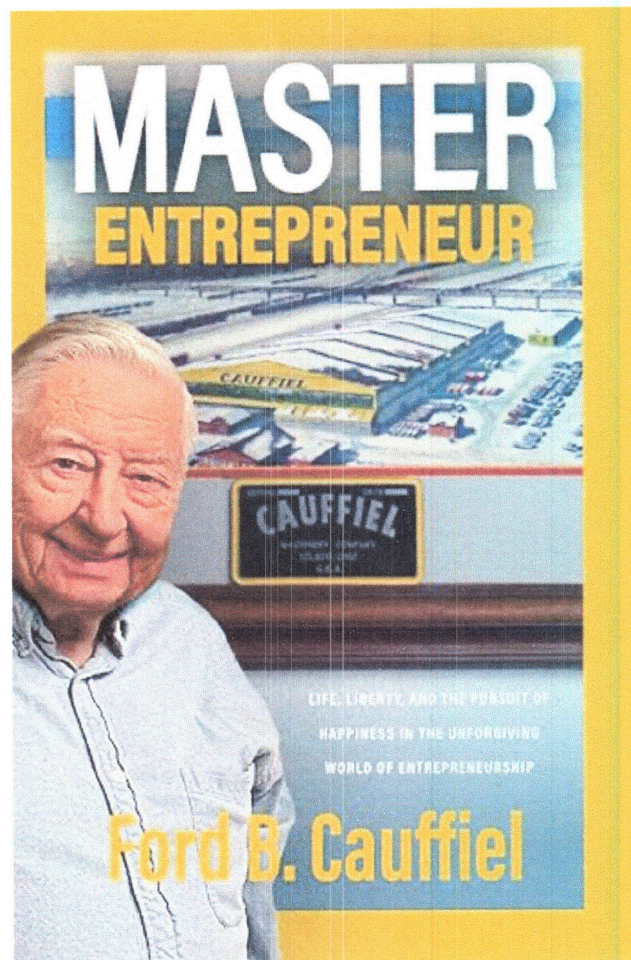
More Updated Pics of Club Member







If You Are looking for a GREAT book to read..... Ford Cauffiel (One of our members) wrote an autobiography. Contact our club to get a copy or you can order it on line on Amazon.



I promise you won't want to put it down!!!!

ALSO....

We have a few extra Thunderbird 70 Year lapel pins for sell at \$10.00 each.




**Thank You Water -Wonderland
Thunderbird Club!!!**


Don Monroe and Ron Bush are trying to put together a cruise in September to individual car collectors. If you know anyone that a private collection and would love to show it off to our club, please contact Don or Ron

Need a Display sign for your car??????


Barry Burnham from the Water Wonderland club
will make one for you. You can contact him
directly at barry.burnham@sci-us.com



Thunderbird



Classic



'65

Owner: Steve & Norma Johnson, Temperance, MI
Engine: 390 cu., V8 Special 4V, 330 hp, 427ft torque
Transmission: Cruise-O-Matic
Production: 5055 of 92,465 units
Clubs: ITC, MVTC, & WWTC
Features: Disc brakes, sequential turn signals, 4 way emergency flashers, alternator, silent flow ventilation, HYD controlled windshield wipers, swing away steer wheel.
Special Thanks To: Richard Petty Motorsports



Eyes On Design

One of the world's most unique automotive events

Each Father's Day, thousands of car fans journey to the idyllic home of Edsel and Eleanor Ford for the visual feasts that is Eyes On Design. Organized around an annual design theme, vehicle owners are invited to share their rolling sculpture with the world.

Unlike concours d'elegance events, judging is predominately conducted by automotive designers using professional design criteria, not based on restoration or authenticity. The event attracts some of the world's leading designers, collectors, and fans for an unpretentious and unmatched day.

Also unique among car shows, one class of cars is judged by a group called the Visionaries — blind and visually impaired judges donning white gloves and evaluating the vehicles only by touch. The Visionaries represent the mission upon which Eyes On Design was originally conceived — to support the work of the [Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology](#).

Eyes On Design has raised millions of dollars to support the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology. The DIO, a division of the Henry Ford Health Department of Ophthalmology, supports the visually impaired and organizes groundbreaking eye research conferences.

Ron Bush told our club about an event that he experienced at Edsel and Eleanor Ford's Estate and thought we would be interested. It's called "Eyes On Design." Also, it usually falls on Father's Day every year. Check it out on line!!!!

August MVTC Meeting

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AJ DooLittle's

8525 Secor Rd

Temperance, MI

Date: August 17, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.



Host Roger & Shirley Nagel

Please RSVP by August 15th

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