



PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB of NEW MEXICO Chapter 17 of the CTCI August 2020 Newsletter Volume 20 Number 8



Recent Events

El Patron Luncheon



Even the caps wore masks



Mary Ann and Dennis visit with Jim Timmons



C.E. and Sue Chisolm



Mike Harding



Art Johnson



Mary Ann and Dennis Potter arrive

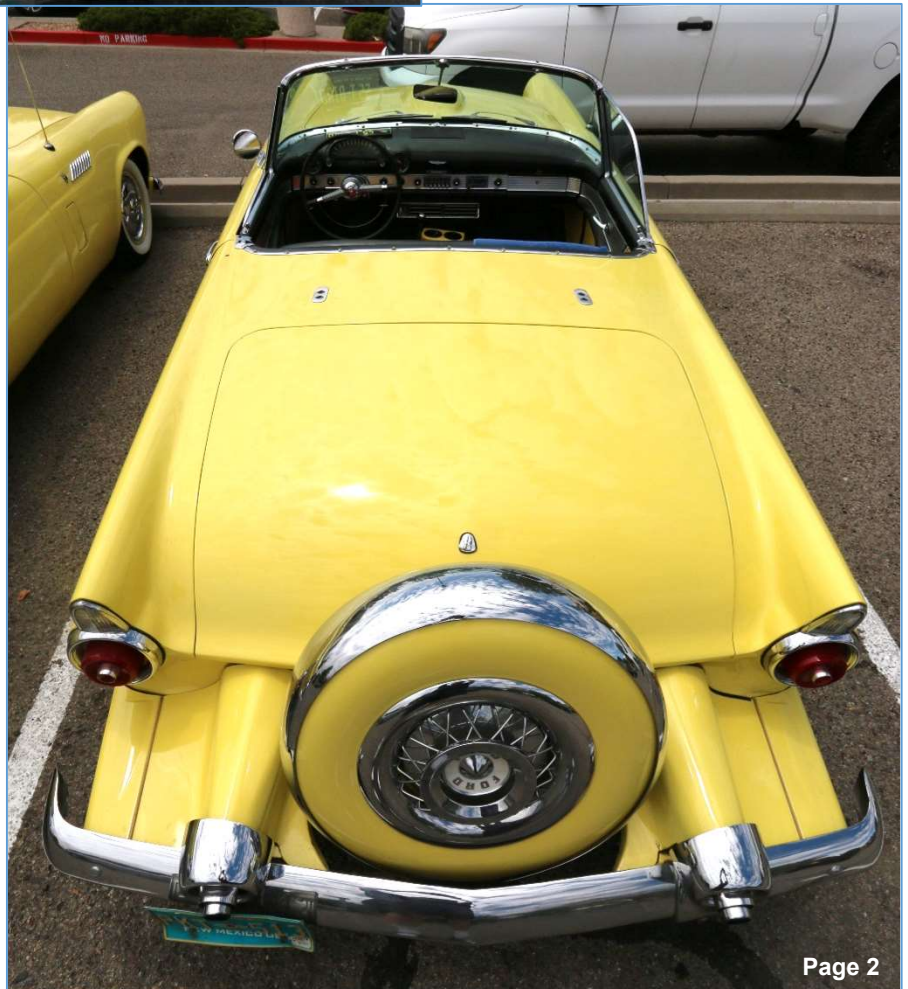
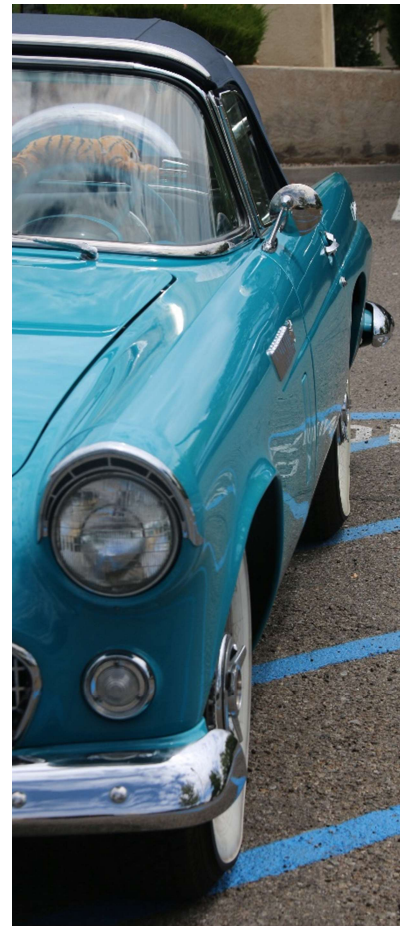


Mary Ann new 'do'



C.E. and Sue Chisolm talk with Ray Wood

El Patron Luncheon - continued



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Upcoming Events

Drive thru Jemez to Ashley Pond

Date: Saturday, August 8

**Meet: Home Depot on Hwy 550
(near 528)**

Time: 8:30 AM, leave at 9:30 AM.

Bring your own lunch for picnic at Ashley pond.

Masks and Anti-social distancing required.

Sponsored by Phil Lovato (505-264-9081
or 505-345-5865



Ashley Pond

5th Annual Convertible Cars to the Crest



**September 26, 2020
10am - noon**

We'll drive up Old Route 66 and N. 14 to Sandia Crest.
All makes and models of convertible cars, Jeeps, etc. are welcome!

**Meet at Smith's Supermarket in Albuquerque at
Tramway and Central at 10:00 am**

Contact: Mike 505-228-3346



August 2020

Things seem to be slow right now without car shows and regular club events. Hopefully, things get better soon, and we can have a few outings before summer is over. Keep working on and driving those cars.

It was very sad to hear the news that our regular server at Hello Deli, Bella Maynes, was killed in an automobile accident last Sunday morning. She was always happy and full of life. I was always impressed that she knew everyone's order by memory and how well she always took care of the Thunderbird Group. She will be missed.

On Saturday August 8th, Mr. Phil Lovato has organized a driving tour through the Jemez mountains to Ashley Pond in Los Alamos for lunch. There is also a chance to see John Courtright's old toy display on the way back. Hopefully, we can get a great turnout for the event, please call Phil with any questions at 505-345-5865. Thank you, Phil, for setting this up!

Also, today I got a sneak peek at Lloyd's new paint job, its going to be nice!! We cannot wait to see you driving that sweet baby blue 58 Thunderbird again soon!

Thanks for all your support and Happy T- Birding!!! – Stay Safe

TRAE WOOD



Last Minute News:

We regret to announce the passing of Bella Maynes. Bella served admirably as our server for the Thursday morning Pajarito group at Hello Deli for several years.

Bella was killed in an automobile accident on Sunday, July 26. A crowd gathered on Monday night to celebrate her life.



Tips for identifying the mystery car in that old photo

Going through the family album, or a dusty desk at the antique store, you see a dog-eared black and white image. Wiping away the thick layer of dust reveals a young couple standing tall and proud near the front fender of a car. What car is it though? Positively identifying a car in an old photo is sometimes tough to do. After all, where do you even start? Here are five tips that will hopefully help you identify that vintage ride.

1. Ask someone who was close to those in the photo

If the photograph is from a family album, start by talking to family members about who is in the photo and if they ever talked about a car they owned. Just talking to those who knew the people in the photo might get you a decent lead, like “Grandad only owned Fords.” That’s a valuable clue that will narrow your search.



2. Look for hints in the surroundings



The vehicle may only have a few clues, but the setting of the photo might help narrow things down. Look at the buildings, clothing, and photo style. Was it shot using color film? That wasn’t readily available to consumers until 1935. Referencing historical archives for clothing styles can also help narrow down the time frame and potential model year.



3. Count

The resolution and age of a photograph often means the badges and other markings are illegible. However, subtle things like the shape of the logo or even a rough count of how many letters are on a hood or trunk can narrow down the possibilities for manufacturers.

Location and number of items like louvers and pinstripes will be a big help in narrowing down a year once you have an idea of who made the car. Windshield shape is also a big tell for many vintage cars, as just about everything else can be changed. Counting details will allow you to confirm the car you are looking for when a car of a different color or photographed from a different angle comes up in your search



4. Consult the books

If you’re fairly confident about who manufactured the car in the photo, start researching the brand. Often times books and other resources that tell the history of the company will have well-labeled photos of many of the brand’s models. Start in the auto section at your local library, or purchase a copy of Beverly Rae Kimes’ The Standard Catalog of American Automobiles. There are 5000 photographs in there, so find a comfortable chair before diving in.

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5. Try searching the internet a different ways (Ex: reverse image search)

Modern artificial intelligence is pretty powerful, including for things like this. Upload an image of the photo you are trying to figure out and let a “reverse image search” online find similar images. This is a crap shoot, but sometimes the search rolls a seven. Even if it doesn’t give you an exact year, make, and model, it might show you some things that the car you are looking for is not, which is helpful.



6. Ask the right group

Hopefully you’ve narrowed down at least a make and are hunting for a model. If you are stumped, shift your search to find a group of more experienced eyes to tell you what you are looking at. Having some detail and showing you did a bit of research before asking usually gets a better reception. It’s a lot less frustrating to ask multiple groups, who cumulatively have no idea because what ends up being a Dodge in your photo is going to look totally foreign to a group of Ford experts. In all, tracking down the year, make, and model of a car in an old photograph isn’t easy. Be persistent and keep digging, even if that’s just looking through pictures of similar era cars.



When this virus thing is over with... I still want some of you to stay away from me.

Did a BIG load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

The Spread of COVID-19 Is Based On Two Factors:

1. How Dense The Population is
2. How Dense The Population is

Fun With Home Schooling



Home schooling science lesson went really well this week.



Next week - marketing and distribution.

Thundebird Pick-ups

A purple Ford Thunderbird pickup truck is shown from a side profile. It is parked in front of a building with large windows. The truck has a chrome bumper and dual round headlights.

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Thunderbirds in History



SS Andrea Doria was an ocean liner for an Italian Line home-ported in Genoa, Italy, known for her sinking in 1956, when 46 people died. Named after the 16th-century Genoese admiral Andrea Doria, the ship had a gross register tonnage of 29,100 and a capacity of about 1,200 passengers and 500 crew. Of all Italy's ships at the time, Andrea Doria was the largest, fastest and supposedly safest. Launched on 16 June 1951, the ship undertook her maiden voyage on 14 January 1953. On 25 July 1956, while Andrea Doria was approaching the coast of Nantucket, Massachusetts, bound for New York City, the eastbound MS Stockholm of the Swedish American Line collided with her in one of history's most infamous maritime disasters. Struck in the side, the top-heavy Andrea Doria immediately started to list severely to starboard, which left half of her lifeboats unusable. The consequent shortage of lifeboats could have resulted in significant loss of life, but the ship stayed afloat for over 11 hours after the collision. The calm, appropriate behavior of the crew, together with improvements in communications, and the rapid response of other ships, averted a disaster



similar in scale to that of Titanic in 1912. While 1,660 passengers and crew were rescued and survived, 46 people on the ship died as a direct consequence of the collision. The evacuated luxury liner capsized and sank the following morning. This accident remains the worst maritime disaster to occur in United States waters since the sinking of SS Eastland in 1915. Above photo of the Andrea Doria in port.



Story from Dave Tulowitzky
Trail Bird News from
Southwest Florida.

Check Out An Unusual Car Club:

[Arcane Auto Society](http://www.arcaneauto.org/)

It's also the inspiration for the name of this group and a rough guideline for membership requirement in the Arcane Auto Society. History: Around 1980, three San Franciscans had independently acquired three odd automobiles: a 1958 Fiat 600 Multipla; a 1962 Citroën Deux Cheveux (2CV); and a 1969 Subaru 360 and the club was born...

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1958 Fiat 600 Multipla



1969 Subaru 360



1962 Citroën Deux Cheveux (2CV)

