



PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB
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Chapter 17 of the CTCI
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Upcoming Events

February Lunch at El Patron on Montgomery

Saturday, February 22, 11:30 AM

Address: 10551 Montgomery Blvd NE,

Host: Lloyd Powell

Checks: Separate



Upcoming Events (continued)

Rich Ford Thunderbird Show

Sunday, March 1, 9:30 AM to 5 PM

Come enjoy fellowship and help the club raise \$\$\$ towards the 2020 Christmas Party. This will be an exclusive Thunderbird only event. Hosted by Ed Sauer who will call to coordinate car entries.

RICH FORD



Car Show and Lunch

Benefit for Feed NM Kids

Saturday, March 21, 8:30 AM

Philip and Sons Mechanical

Address: 4101 4th St NW Albuquerque NM

- Entry Fee: \$ 30.00 Donation
- Bring non-perishable food donations
- Get Donuts and Coffee
- BBQ lunch, Car Show and Raffle



Items Needed: Single Serve package versions of Beef Jerky, Fruit and Pudding Cups, Granola Bars, Single Serve Ravioli, Trail Mix, or Soups with pull tops, Ramen Noodles, Peanuts, Mac & Cheese, Vienna Sausage, Tuna Packs



2020 Club Calendar (as of Jan 30, 2020)

January	April	July	October
1/2 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)	4/2 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)	7/2 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)	10/1 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)
1/25 - Luncheon at The Range (Ray Wood)	4/18 - Rio Puerco/Cabazon/Chaco Tour (Tom Windes)	~7/18 - (??)	~10/10 -Balloon Car Show (Trae & Yvonne Wood)
February	May	August	November
2/6 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)	5/7 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)	8/6 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)	11/5 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)
2/22 -Luncheon El Patron on Montgomery (Lloyd)	5/4-9 -CTCI Convention - Sarasota Springs FL	~8/15 - Cookout (Gary & Mary Kay Hofmann)	~11/14 - (??)
	5/17 - ABQ Museum Car Show (Phil Lovato)		
	~5/31 - Power Ford Car Show (Ray Wood)		
March	June	September	December
3/1 - Rich Ford Car Show (Ed Sauer)	6/4 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)	~9/1 - PowerFord Car Show (Ray Wood)	12/3 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)
3/1 - Ladies Luncheon (??)	6/6 - Corrales Car Show (Glen S. & Trae Wood)	9/3 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)	~12/12 - Christmas Party (Ray & Linda Wood)
3/5 - Officers Breakfast Meeting (Trae Wood)	~6/?? - Luncheon (Mark & Trudy Kennedy)		
3/21 -Feed NM Kids Car Show (Phil Lovato) 4th St			

~ = Approximate

2020 Club Officers

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CHRISTMAS 2020 YOUR OPINIONS ARE IMPORTANT:

Almost all restaurants and hotels require a down payment to secure a room for Christmas parties/dinners. These down payments are normally due by early February and require a meal plan and a guaranteed number of guests. In order to arrange the most pleasing program, please answer the questions on the form a the back of the Main Newsletter (before the supplement) and call Ray Wood at 505-259-7283, email your inputs to vrwood@comcast.net, or mail to the Club's Post Office Address:.

Pajarito Thunderbird Club PO Box 93026 Albuquerque, NM 87199

Please send in your opinion on Questionnaire at the back of this Newsletter:



February 2020 – PRES SEZ

It's hard to believe that the first month of 2020 is already over, but the good news is that one more month of winter is done, and we are close to great car weather coming soon!

In January we had our first officers meeting at "Hello Deli", thanks to all that attended, I think this will be a good format for us going forward to discuss club business and to get things accomplished in a timely matter. I encourage everyone interested to attend; we meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7am (Craig that means 6:30am with this group).

We also had our first group luncheon at "The Range Café" in Bernalillo, the weather was good, and several people brought their cars out for a ride. Thanks to Ray and Linda Wood for setting up and coordinating the event!

In February Lloyd Powell has set-up our luncheon at "El Patron" Restaurant on Montgomery, we hope you can join us and please drive your T-Bird!

May is right around the corner and we are getting closer to the National CTCI convention in Sarasota Florida. This is going to be a great event and its not too late to join the fun. The details are in the Early-Bird magazine.

We are still looking for events in the month of July and November, if you have ideas or would like to host an event, please contact myself or Lloyd as soon as possible.

I hope everyone is as excited as I am to get their cars out and drive them this year, if you're having issues getting your car running or back on the road let us know, this group has always been willing to help fellow members, make this the year you enjoy that car and get it on the road!!

Trae Wood, President

505-270-7240



Fugitives:

Here is a list of 2019 Pajarito Club members who haven't sent in their 2020 dues:

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Armstrong, Ed | 8. Gurule, Epi |
| 2 Baca, John | 9. Hyatt, Gerard |
| 3 Chisolm, C.E. | 10 Woodruff, Kirk |
| 4 Clifton, Eric | 11 Kuhl, P.W. |
| 5 Deurloo, Bob | 12 Martinez, Matt |
| 6 Gianniin, Arnmand | 13 Mattison, Robert |
| 7 Griego, Sam | 14 Talbott, Doug |

Please use the form at the
end of the newsletter to
submit dues

Recent Events: Luncheon at the Range Cafe



Gary and Mary Kay Hofmann



Fred and Laura Lachenmeyer



Barbara and Tom McWilliams



Richard and Nora Klopotek



Rose and Jim Bell



Ed Sauer confers with John Ackerman



Sherry Jobe and Ed Sauer



Russ Barker and Sandra Norman



Ray and Linda Wood



Virginia and Fred Kelly

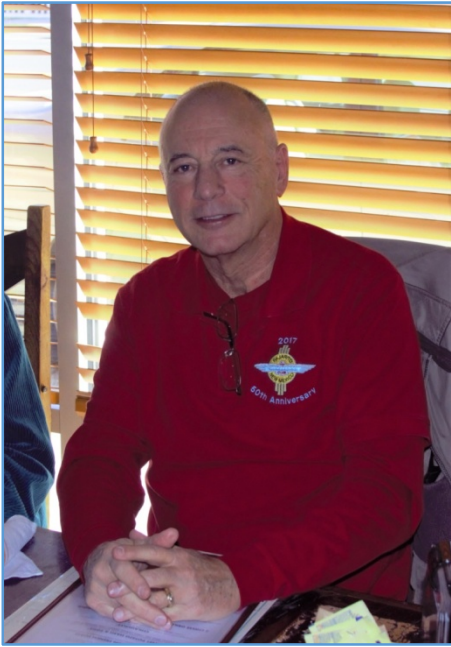


Trae and Yvonne Wood



Gaye and Terry Leighley wearing nameplates to make Newsletter identification easier!

Schmoozing Time at the Range



Gary Burns contemplates Disk Brake upgrade



Gary Hofmann eyes the worlds largest pancakes



Trae Wood lobbies Jim Timmons



Terry Leighley and Steve Haydu seek votes from Russ Barker



Richard Klopotek strategizes with Ed Sauer



The best Pajarito line up. We had great weather and about 40 club members!



More little birds than you can shake a stick at...

T-birds on display in Bernalillo



The cows welcomed us



Kelley's drive into The Range



Range Café badge



Ray Wood's Big Blue



Tom McWilliams white on white



Trae's Red Bird showed up



Gary Burns 63 delight



Jim Bell's honorary Mopar T-bird



Jim Timmons is truckin'



John Ackerman's Blue on Blue



The Kelley's green and white



Kontny and Ackerman neighborhood improvement program



The Big headlight



Jim Kontny's Bronze is golden



Ackerman's prideful portholes

Needs and Wants:

NEEDS

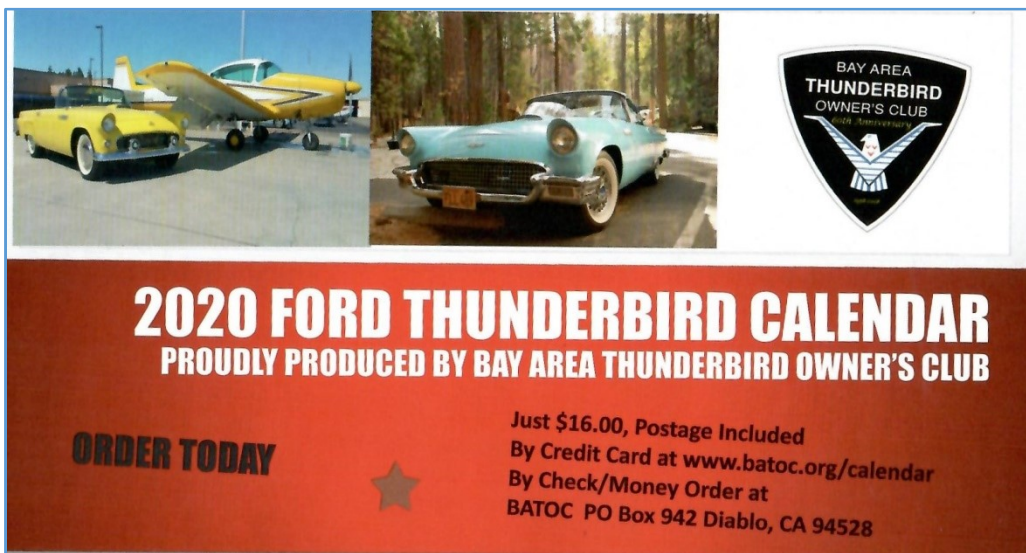
- ☐ '56 Passenger Side Fender Skirt Bob Soltysik (soltysik@live.com) or 972-562-48794
- ☐ Ford-O-Matic or Cruise-O-Matic bell housing and torque converter to fit a Y-Block engine conact: Allan.Hastings@outlook.com 214-608-8993
- ☐ I am looking for an enclosed lightweight Motorcycle trailer to hold a Harley Davidson. Contact Larry Worrell567@yahoo.com or 214-385-6298

HAVES

- ☐ 57 Texas Plates For Sale—\$75.00 set Contact John Schnabel bronze_bird@yahoo.com
- ☐ Have Engine Stand for sale cheap Contact Mo Hasson 469-583-7199
- ☐ For Sale: 1956 Shop Manual Condition—new Contact Scott McGilvray Price \$25.00 214-341-3597
- ☐ For Sale: 1957 T-Bird bumper jack Original, unrestored Price \$250.00
- ☐ I have a brand new pulley system to lift the car top off the car that is still in the box. Price: \$100.00 Contact Marian Herbst marian.herbst@yahoo.com 817-705-5925
- ☐ Have Holley 4V carb. Polished alum. Electric choke. Direct replacement for T-Bird. Asking \$320.00 Contact Peter Wurzbach 972-393-5518 peter.wurzbach@gmail.com

2020 Thunderbird Calendar Available:

Our friends oat the Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club have issued their annual T-Bird Calendar and one of our local cars is featured as one of the monthly cars.




Ed Gammon's 56 is included in the Calendar

How to Decipher Classic Car Ads:



Extremely rare, genuine survivor, appealing classic that needs a little TLC...

WHAT THE AD SAYS	WHAT IT REALLY MEANS
Stored in same location for 30 years	It was in a field
Needs complete restoration	It's a parts car
Extremely rare	One of only 3,000 with twin cigarette lighters
A genuine survivor	It's in pretty bad shape
Selling due to illness	My wife's sick of it
Has a lovely patina	It's dented and rusty, and the paint is bad
Recent convertible top	It was new 10 years ago
Partially rebuilt engine	I replaced the water pump 12 years ago
90-percent restored	Just needs paint, interior, brakes, and engine work
Divorce sale	My wife left me because of this money pit
Project car	You're never going to finish this
A Classic!	It's a Rambler Classic
An appreciating Classic!	It's 10 years old
Some rust	The floors are gone
Rolls down the road fine	Has no engine or brakes
Shows 45,000 miles	I'll never admit the real mileage
Needs interior love	Has no interior
Completely original	Never maintained
Restoration started	I took a lot of parts off, then lost them
Would make an excellent rat rod	Not enough left to restore
Needs interior restoration	No instrument panel or seats

CHRISTMAS 2020 Questionnaire:

Please select your answers and send in:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 - Are you satisfied with our current Christmas Party cost and hotel venues? | Y | N |
| 2 - Should the club continue to subsidize the cost of the dinners? | Y | N |
| 3 - Would you be willing to pay more for a better meal? | Y | N |
| 4 - Would you prefer a less expensive meal and more 'rustic' location? | Y | N |
| 5 - Would you consider a Carving Bar Buffet Meal selection at a local Motel?. | Y | N |
| 6 - Would you consider a Carving Bar Buffet Meal selection local Casino. | Y | N |
| 7 - Would you prefer a weekend afternoon start time?. | Y | N |
| Any other comments? | | |

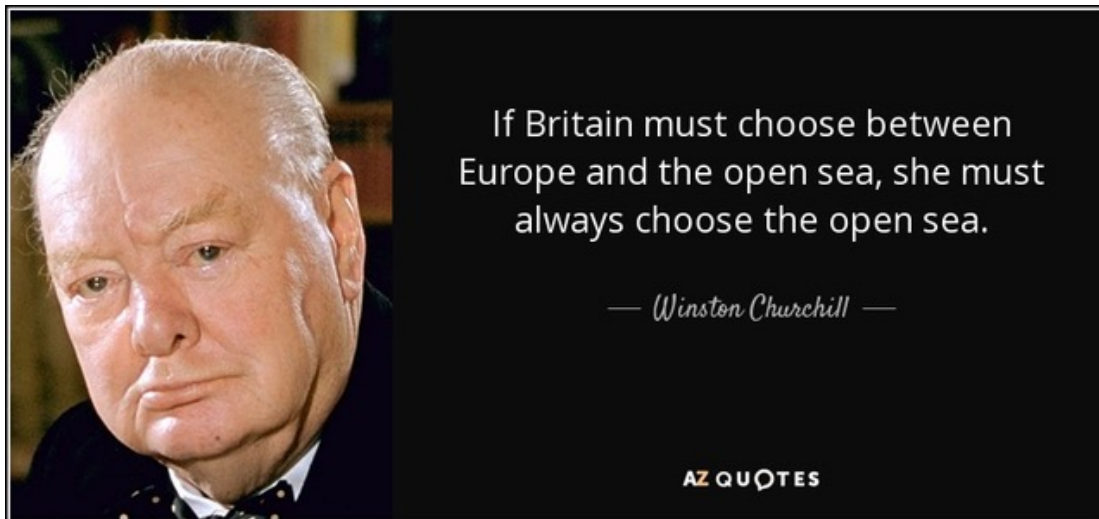
Things to consider :

- a) Most hotel sit down holiday party dinners cost between \$45 to \$75 per person with additional charges for cash bar.
- b) Our club has limited member cost to \$35 per person with the club treasury making up the difference.
- b) Most hotels require a down payment to secure a room for holiday parties/dinners with a deposit required by late-January.
- c) Most hotels require a guaranteed number of guests and/or a room charge.
- d) Finding a venue that doesn't require either of the above is very difficult during the holiday season.
- e) Moving our Christmas Party dinner to a motel, casino, or restaurant on a Sunday afternoon may give us more options and prices are less expensive than most hotels.
- f) Having a non-hotel dinning room with a Carving Bar Buffet, consisting of salad bar, a three meat carving station (beef, turkey breast, and ham), two vegetables, rolls, and dessert could be a lot less expensive.



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Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico

2020 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER DATA

Required Information:

All those interested in thunderbirds are welcome!

Last Name: _____ Member CTCL #: _____

First Name: _____ and Spouse/SO First: _____

Address: _____ Apt. No.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone No. (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone No. (____) ____ - ____

Email Address: _____

Current Thunderbird/s Owned: 1955 ____ 1956 ____ 1957 ____ Other _____

Optional Information:

Current Thunderbird/s Running: 1955 ____ 1956 ____ 1957 ____ Other _____

Other Collector Cars Currently Owned: _____

Past Pajarito Club Office/s Held: _____

Interested in Hosting or Coordinating a Club Activity? _____

Suggestions for club events: _____

The Pajarito Thunderbird Club, Chapter 17, of the Classic Thunderbird Club International is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the 1955 – 1957 Ford Thunderbird and other 'Birds. We recommend joint membership in CTCL for liability insurance coverage. Our annual membership dues are \$15.00 to receive emailed monthly newsletters or \$25.00 for Black and White hardcopy newsletters mailed to you.

Please make a copy of this form, enter the required information above and enclose your check and mail to:

**Pajarito Thunderbird Club
PO Box 93026
Albuquerque, NM 87199**

Call Ray with any questions at 505-259-7283

Official Use Only: Date Dues Received: _____ Cash ____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Tech Tips

T-BIRD RUNNING TOO HOT?

by Robert DePaola

Many are worried about the T-Bird running too hot in the summertime. There are a few things that can be done to solve the problem, that's if there is a problem. 1. You can install an aftermarket temperature gauge and bypass the dash gauge. 2. Check to make sure there is a 1" spacer behind the water pump. It is possible that in the life of the car, a passenger engine was installed that doesn't require a spacer. 3. Install a new thermostat 160 degrees. 4. Install a 6 blade fan. 5. Make sure the fan fits mid-way into the shroud – (engine placement seems to vary quite a bit.) If it doesn't, you can buy a spacer of a different size to move the location of the fan. This is the spacer that goes between the fan and the water pump. 6. Improve air flow, block the hood scoop, remove the 2 mud shields down on the frame and make sure the little round access panel behind the grill is in place. 7. Make sure you're getting a good spark advance. This needs to be checked with a timing light. Many times the vacuum diaphragm goes bad. This will make the engine run hot. 8. Check that the heat riser on the right exhaust manifold is opening easily. If it stays closed, or partially closed it makes the right engine bank run hotter than the left. 9. Another thing you can do is to install an electric pusher fan in front of the radiator. It's not a hard job to do and it doesn't show at all. All of the above will work as long as your engine block is not all loaded with rust and your radiator is clean of "sludge".



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Tech Tips

T-Bird Buyer Beware

Recently a CTCI member from Maryland contacted me to ask about a "F" Bird title that was for sale on Ebay. He wanted to know if it was a legitimate serial number. I checked my registry, and it was not listed. I then sent the VIN to Frank Stubbs in Washington state for his expert opinion. Frank keeps the registry of all 1957 Thunderbird "F" models. His reply was the same - it was not in his records, and Ford did not install any of the supercharged in the cars with VIN's starting with 334. Therefore, we both decided that this document is bogus.

I took another look at the title and realized that it did not look like any Indiana title I had ever seen. Also, Betty worked at a finance company in Indiana for 27 years, and she had never seen a title like it. Then I looked at the signature on the bottom of the title - James M. Tucker. Mr. Tucker was the Secretary of State in Indiana from 1938 to 1942, but not in 1967 when this title was supposedly issued. I do not know where the seller came up with the document listed below, but in 1967 the titles in Indiana were signed by the Commissioner - not the Secretary of State.

There were so many red flags that this was not a legitimate title, but the buyer must check them out. By the way, the seller was asking \$800.00 for this bogus title. The same seller had multiple titles for sale as well as others from Indiana with the same signature of James Tucker on them although they were issued after James Tucker's term.

If you come across a Thunderbird for sale and want to check the history or legality of it, please email me with the information you have. I have in excess of 20,500 Thunderbirds in my database for the 1955-1957 years.

Dave Tulowitzky

STATE OF INDIANA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Bureau of Registration, Licensing and Regulation of Motor Vehicles
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE

File No.	Model-Year	Serial	Make	Title	Est. No.	FEE
1857593	1957	F7FH334213	FORD	THUNDERBIRD 57	CONF	99
EDWARD CASSIE						1 27 67
BOX 48						ANC
GEORGETOWN IND						

NOTICE: A delinquent fee of \$2.00 must be paid for failure to apply for title within five days after the purchase of a motor vehicle.

Amount of Lien \$ Kind Date

To Whom Due

NOTICE: In event of the sale of this motor vehicle, the owner whose name appears above must execute this assignment of title on the reverse side of this title, filing in the name of the Purchaser, showing all liens in which due and deliver with the Motor Vehicle. Failure to do so is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 to which may be added imprisonment of not more than ten years. The Purchaser must within five days execute application for title and present to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

I, James M. Tucker, Secretary of State, do hereby certify, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 265 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Indiana, passed at the session of 1921 and Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto and as modified by Chapter 104 of the Acts of the 1935 General Assembly, also Chapter 271 of the Acts of 1937, and by Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1939, that an application has been filed in this office, as by said Acts prescribed, for a certificate of title of a motor vehicle as described above.

I Do Further Certify That I have used reasonable diligence in ascertaining whether or not the facts stated in said application for a certificate of title are true, and that I am satisfied that the applicant is the lawful owner of said motor vehicle or is otherwise entitled to have same registered in his name.

Wherefore, I do hereby certify that the above named applicant has been duly registered in the office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles as the lawful owner of the above described motor vehicle, or is otherwise entitled to have the same registered in his name, and that it appears upon the official records that at the date of the issuance of this certificate said motor vehicle was subject to the liens or encumbrances, if any, as stated above.

As Witness, my hand and the Seal of the State of Indiana, the day and year as above set forth in the foregoing certificate.

James M. Tucker
Secretary of State

[SEAL]

Prep Tips to Avoid Car Theft

Imagine this scenario: It's a perfect spring day, so you opt to drive your classic car on a series of local errands. Lunch out is part of the plan, but exiting the restaurant, your car isn't where you remember parking it. Assuming a mental lapse, you check nearby spots, but soon reality – laced with a bit of panic – sinks in. Your



car has been stolen, but what could you have done differently to prevent this?

First, let's establish one absolute: If a motivated professional car thief wants your particular car or truck, there's very little you can do about it. Using a flatbed wrecker, snatching a car takes just a minute or two, and alarms aren't much of a deterrent these days (particularly in urban areas or large parking lots, where car alarms are just part of the background noise). What we can do, however, is make our car as unattractive to thieves as possible, and below are five things we've found to be effective over the years.

Always be situationally aware. If a situation doesn't "feel right," listen to that inner voice that's raising the red flag. Maybe that flatbed truck cruising the parking lot is looking to help a stranded motorist – but why doesn't it have a local business name and telephone number on the cab? Ditto for the car or truck slowly cruising the lot, passing ample open parking spaces; maybe they're just waiting for someone to come out of a store. Or maybe they're not. Most car thefts occur at night, so always park in a well-lit area, preferably one with visible security cameras and high foot traffic. At a hotel, it may be reassuring to park where your car is visible outside the room, even if this means a longer walk to the lobby or elevators.

Consider a hidden kill switch, or at the very least, a battery disconnect. As with all things electrical, it's best to work with a shop that knows what they're doing, and have a hidden switch professionally installed (this is particularly important on cars equipped with air bags, as picking the wrong wire could potentially trigger them). A kill switch that cuts the ignition will prevent the car from being started, and one that cuts power to the fuel pump (assuming this is electric) will limit how far it can be driven. The cheapest and easiest method is to install a simple battery disconnect, which can be unscrewed or otherwise removed when the car is parked. On more modern cars, this is likely to play hell with radio and clock settings, but some disconnects feature a battery backup to power these systems (but not the vehicle's starter). Keep in mind that these won't do a thing to prevent your car from being towed, but they may be enough to prevent joy riders from swiping your car.

Make it as inconvenient as possible for thieves to choose your car. A visible aftermarket steering wheel lock can be defeated by a professional thief, but doing so takes time. If his choice is your car, equipped with such a device, or another car without, which is the easier target? There's no end to the security options here, up to and including clamp locks for the wheels which prevent the car from being moved, pedal locks, etc. The key is striking a tolerable balance between your convenience and a potential thief's inconvenience.

Consider installing a vehicle tracker. Years ago, Lojack was the primary option for recovering a stolen vehicle, but today inexpensive GPS tracking systems can be purchased online. It pays to do some research here, to determine for yourself which system best suits your needs, expectations and budget. Should your car be stolen, never attempt to recover it on your own, but instead provide police with as much detail as possible. It's hard to top a real-time location.

Beware where you keep your keys. Storing a vehicle in your garage with the keys in the ignition, or above the visor, may help in the event of an emergency (such as a garage fire), but it's also an open invitation to thieves. The same holds true for a visible key rack at home, which is likely the first place a thief will look. Spare keys should be kept in a home safe, or at the very least a locking box. To minimize the danger from a garage fire, park cars with the wheels pointing out the garage door, and keep a slotted screwdriver handy to override an automatic transmission lock. Even without a key, many console shifters can be placed in neutral using a slotted screwdriver, allowing the vehicle to be rolled out of a burning garage (check your owner's manual to verify if this applies to your particular make and model). Here's a warning to owners of new cars with proximity keys: The radio signal from your key can be cloned by thieves, allowing them to steal a car from your driveway without a key. If you own such a vehicle, keeping the key in an RFID-proof container when not in use can help prevent such thefts.



*If your car is stolen, call Ed Sauer, the club's
APD officer*

2020 Automotive Predictions by Hemmings

Let's peer into the future for our 2020 predictions:

General Motors will offer an electric crate motor

The electric C-10 pickup at SEMA was touted as a concept, hiding GM's next-generation electric motor, but GM's Performance Parts division frequently shows off "concept" parts at the Las Vegas trade show only to bring them back a year later in full production form. Two years of hot rod EVs—this year's truck and last year's e-COPO Camaro—seems like more than just dipping the toe in the water.

The cost of battery packs will continue to make this an expensive conversion, but an LT4 crate engine isn't exactly cheap. The guess is that we'll see an announcement towards the end of the year with a plug-and-play kit, batteries, and all, under \$30,000.



3D-printed parts will become widely available

Replacement parts made from 3D-printed plastic (and sometimes metal) is nothing new. *Car and Driver* reported on it as early as 2017, but it remains on the fringes so far. There are a few parts available from specialists, while making or ordering something using online databases of common parts is beyond most people's comfort zones. There is huge potential, though, and the 3D-printed oil vapor separator on my Alfa Romeo Spider is a good example. The stock part (a brass honeycomb inside a cylinder) no longer exists and is difficult to re-create by conventional means. What I'm predicting for next year is the growth of not just unobtainable parts like that oil separator, but more common trim pieces and switchgear that have disappeared



from new old stock inventory. And I'm also predicting we'll see the rise of these parts either through an Etsy-like marketplace or in greater numbers from the classic parts giants.

FCA will build a production Dodge Challenger Hellephant

While this started as an unsubstantiated (and incorrect) rumor at the 2019 SEMA show, I can't help but think that there's a 1,000-horsepower Dodge Challenger in the works. The Hellephant crate engine announced in 2018, a supercharged 428-cubic-inch monster, sold out in days. FCA's playbook with the aging Challenger (and Charger) is endless iteration: Hellcat, Demon, Redeye, Widebody, and on and on. It can't go on forever, even if the current generation of these cars soldier on past their 10th year. Either as a way to create new.



Multi-million-dollar cars will become more rare at auctions

2019 saw the sell-through rate of million-dollar and higher cars drop to 70 percent, a new low according to Hagerty's John Wiley. The overall number of lots offered dropped but was still more than in 2014. For 2020, we'll see this decline continue and possibly accelerate. The optics of buying and selling a car worth this much is tricky, since a no-sale can brand the car at the value of the highest bid, making a future sale far more difficult. With both sides cautious about an economic downturn, buyers are wary of conspicuous spending and sellers don't want to miss a payday. Big-ticket cars will continue to change hands, but more

and more it will be done as private sales instead of at auctions. The one exception will be headline cars, like the Bullit Mustang, where an auction is sure to attract high-dollar bidders fighting for a car that might not sell again any time soon.

Trucks, SUVs, and '80s car will continue to gain in popularity, and the part supply will follow

This is a current trend and we'll see it continue for a few reasons. First, younger generations are getting into peak earning years and are ready to spend some cash. But they either don't have as much cash as Boomers, or just aren't into the same things. So, we'll continue to see interest in trucks and SUVs, mirroring new car sales, and cars from '80s and newer that Gen Xers and Millennials grew up idolizing will also continue to climb. But we'll also see a reflection of this interest in the aftermarket parts world, something we've already seen with reproduction parts now available for some vintage trucks. 2020 will bring more parts for more platforms, including newer trucks and (a personal wish here) fourth-generation pony cars.



Ford and Volkswagen will get even closer

The two automakers are already working together to collaborate on electric vehicles, and both are the main backers of autonomous vehicle startup Argo AI. In 2020, I think we'll see an official tie up, like VW taking a 10-percent stake in Ford, for example. With Ford all but abandoning cars in the United States market, a link with VW will allow the Blue Oval to keep



2020 Automotive Predictions by Hemmings (continued)

Ford and Volkswagen will get even closer (continued)

development costs low on future passenger-car models. This could also give Volkswagen a way to quietly continue selling diesel engines in its commercial vehicles, or even move future commercial vans entirely to a Ford platform.



Electric vehicles (EV's) will have record sales but won't break the 3-percent market share

This year saw EV's surpass manual transmissions, with third-quarter sales comprising 1.9 percent of the market. With more electrics coming to showrooms, 200-mile-plus range becoming the norm, and the.

charging network quickly developing (check your Walmart parking lot if you don't believe), this will be a viable option for more and more buyers. But 2020 will only show steady growth instead of big leaps. Assuming gas prices remain stable, electric vehicles will still make up less than 3 percent of new car sales.

[Ed note: Apparently Hemmings has not heard our waco Governor's desire to go 100% electric cars...]



Japanese Emperor in Toyota Crown

Toyota, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Nissan, and will reap the rewards of selling sedans

Sedans make up a shrinking piece of the overall automotive pie, but there are still millions of sales to be made. The domestic automakers are walking away, and the Korean and Japanese nameplates will be more than ready to scoop up the leftovers. But more than just fighting over table scraps, I think 2020 will at least see a slow in the decline of sedans as cost-conscious buyers go for the lower sticker price and higher fuel economy compared to more popular

SUVs. And while it might not be proven by the end of next year, we'll eventually see that the automakers who still offer sedans are converting customers for multiple purchases and perhaps even for life.

News Flash:

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—The dogs of San Francisco have announced a citywide cleanup initiative, in which the canines will carry little plastic bags with them wherever they go in order to clean up the massive dumps humans keep leaving on the sidewalk.

The initiative is expected to freshen up the city significantly, ridding the sidewalk of millions of pounds of human waste. "We need to start taking pride in our city," said one labrador as he scooped up a giant turd his owner had just left on the sidewalk and placed it in a nearby human waste bin. "It's incredibly rude what these humans do. They just see some random lawn and decide, 'Yeah, that's a good place to drop a deuce.' It's like, we're living in a society, here." The dogs have begun putting signs up around the city reading things like, "Please Pick Up After Your Owner" and "If Your Human Poops, You Scoop."



Jet a Job

WRITTEN BY A 21 YEAR OLD FEMALE, published in the Waco Tribune Herald, Waco, TX.

Put me in charge of food stamps: no cash for Ding Dongs or Ho Ho's, just money for 50-pound bags of rice and beans, blocks of cheese and all the powdered milk you can haul away. If you want steak and frozen pizza, then get a job.

Put me in charge of Medicaid. Then, we'll test recipients for drugs, alcohol, and nicotine. If you want to use drugs, alcohol, or smoke, then get a job.

Put me in charge of government housing. Ever live in a military barracks? You will maintain our property in a clean and good state of repair. Your "home" will be subject to inspections anytime and possessions will be inventoried. If you want a plasma TV or Xbox 360, then get a job and your own place.



In addition, you will either present a check stub from a job each week or you will report to a "government" job. It may be cleaning the roadways of trash, painting and repairing public housing, whatever we find for you. We will sell your 22-inch rims and low profile tires and your blasting stereo and speakers and put that money toward the "common good."

Before you write that I've violated someone's rights, realize that all of the above is voluntary. If you want our money, accept our rules. Before you say that this would be "demeaning" and ruin their "self-esteem," consider that it wasn't that long ago that taking someone else's money for doing absolutely nothing was demeaning and lowered self-esteem. If we are expected to pay for other people's mistakes we should at least attempt to make them learn from their bad choices. The current system rewards them for continuing to make bad choices.

AND while you are on Gov't subsistence, you no longer can VOTE! Yes, that is correct. For you to vote would be a conflict of interest. You will voluntarily remove yourself from voting while you are receiving a Gov't welfare check. If you want to vote, then get a job. Isn't it weird that in AMERICA our flag and our culture OFFEND so many people..... but our benefits don't?

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." 2 Thes 3:10

Should car clubs given some control over the fate of resurrected brands?

There are number of car brands that are no longer in use. A recent court ruling has effectively put the fates of defunct brands into the hands of the car clubs dedicated to those brands. "We're delighted; it just makes good sense," said Marc Hamburger, a former president of the Pierce-Arrow Society who pursued a recent trademark case to defend the Pierce-Arrow mark from use by modern-day car manufacturers. "You cannot make a new Pierce-Arrow. They were built from 1901 to 1938, period."

The dispute over the Pierce-Arrow trademark dates to January 2015, when another company proposed to use the Pierce Arrow name for an unrelated product. "It had nothing to do with Pierce-Arrow," Hamburger said. In response, the Pierce-Arrow Society, via Cooper, filed an opposition to Greene's trademark with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, claiming that Greene's trademark violated the collective membership mark – a type of trademark – that the Pierce-Arrow Society has held since the late Fifties.

The legal entities ultimately sided with the Pierce-Arrow Society and rescinded the proposed use of the Pierce Arrow trademark. It was determined the decision set a precedential, meaning other car clubs could potentially refer to the decision in their own oppositions to trademarks for other revived automobile brands.

Some obsolete brand names that might be involved:



Morris



Cord



Hispano-Suiza



Lloyd

A Man Named Harold

A Man named Harold; and a president named Barack.

Harold was a bright child. He grew up in America. He went to school and had a bright future ahead of him. Harold was full of life but was cut short in a violent moment. While few people had ever heard of Harold before his death, many did afterward. And in death, something very shocking happened. What was so shocking, especially when it is compared to the death of someone else recently in the news?



Harold was Harold Greene, Major General, United States Army. On Aug. 5, 2014,

Major General Greene was killed by a Taliban terrorist. He was returned to America with full military honors. It has been a tradition that the president attends the funeral of General and Flag officers killed in the line of duty.

For example, Richard Nixon attended the funeral of a Major General Casey killed in Vietnam and George W. Bush attended the funeral of Lieutenant General Timothy Maude, who was killed in the 9/11 attacks. While Major General Greene was buried, Barack Obama was golfing. The Vice President wasn't there either. Neither was the Secretary of Defense. Flags were not even lowered half-mast.

Four days after Harold Greene gave his life for America, Michael Brown was killed in Ferguson, Missouri. Brown was at best a young thug. In the minutes before his death, he committed a robbery at a local convenience store. According to other reports, Brown struck Officer Darren Wilson and shattered his orbital bone. Obama sent a three-person delegation to Brown's funeral! Neither Obama nor Biden would attend the funeral of the highest ranking military officer killed in the line of duty since 9/11, yet he sent a delegation to the funeral of a thug. When Margaret Thatcher, one of America's staunchest allies and Ronald Reagan's partner in bringing down Soviet communism died, Obama sent only a small low-level delegation to her funeral. The snub was not missed by the British.

When Chris Kyle, the most lethal American sniper in history was murdered, there was no expression of sympathy from the White House. But when Whitney Houston died from drug overdose, the Obama/Biden administration ordered all flags be flown at half-mast.

There was no White House delegation at the funeral of an American hero. American heroes die and one President goes to the golf course. A thug dies and he gets a White House delegation. Go figure.

Surprise.

A machine famous for not breaking down.

Seems like most machines you buy today end up costing you more money just to keep them running. That's what makes Ford Maverick so exceptional. Maverick is a simple, uncomplicated machine—so there's less chance of anything going wrong. What's more, a good-looking, family-sized Maverick can be yours for surprisingly little money. Standard 6 or optional V-8. 2-door, 4-door or sporty Grabber.

1972 Maverick 2-door Sedan shown with optional Accent and Protection Groups, white sidewall tires and tinted glass.

FORD MAVERICK
FORD DIVISION

If reliability is important to you.

I wonder what the market would be for a car with a complete 500,000 mile warranty?



Italian Renaissance Art Jesus Birth and Death

Open: JANUARY 25, 2020 - APRIL 19, 2020

NM Museum of Art: 107 West Palace Ave. Santa Fe, NM,
This is a non-club event

OPEN: Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm
Friday nights: Open 5-7pm on the first
Friday of each month

During the Renaissance, biblical episodes from the life of Christ were the artistic mainstay for a majority of artists. This exhibition focuses on the three major stages of Christ's life: his incarnation, in the form of the Nativity; his Crucifixion; and finally the Resurrection. Through fifty three drawings and prints from the British Museum, the exhibit explores the way that artists differently envisioned these key moments of Christ's life and how they prepared their paintings and frescoes on these themes. Beginning in the Renaissance and ending in the 18th century these skilled works chart the continuity and differences in the narrative approach, while also providing a broad overview of the functions, techniques and major artistic trends of the period. The exhibit includes many masterpieces including a rare 16th Century Michelangelo.



Castiglione, *The Crucifixion*, 1631-1670, oil paint on paper.



Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, *The Adoration of the Magi*, 1750-1760,



Michelangelo, *The Three Crosses*, 1521-1524, red chalk. All © British Museum

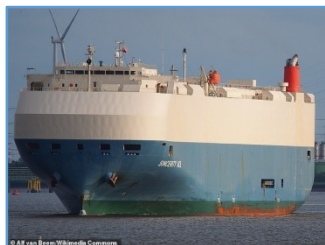
Shipwrecked Cars in History

There are many fascinating stories of cars sent to the bottoms of various bodies of water, either intentional or not. Among those stories, there are urban legends about entire shipments of cars lost to the depths of the Great Lakes and other seas. For one, there is a legend that a boatload of '42 Cadillacs is at the bottom of the Detroit River. Supposedly there is a boatload of 20's Nashes, at the bottom of Lake Michigan, off of Ludington. There are also tales of barges full of Model Ts and the scrapped inventory of Copper-Cooled Chevrolets at the bottom of the lakes. While there are over 6000 of records on Great Lakes shipwrecks they're not by cargo. Investigators found several shipwrecks:

SS Lakeland December 1924, Lake Michigan, near Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Carried at least 25 cars, among them Nashes, Kissels, and one Rollin. The Rollin was salvaged but reportedly too far deteriorated to restore. Site is now listed with the National Register of Historic Places.

City of Bangor – November 1926, Lake Superior, off the Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan. Stranded after being trapped in the ice. Carried 248 Chryslers, of which all but 18 were removed from the ship before it was scrapped on site.

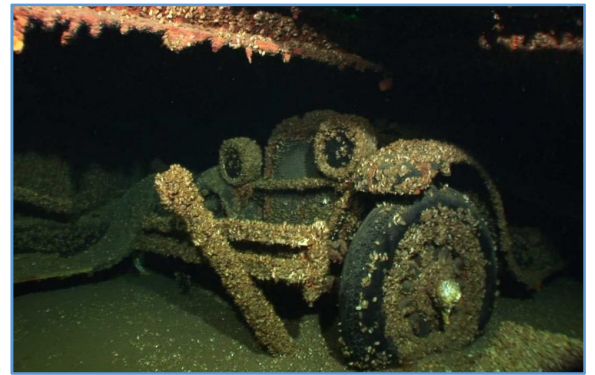
Senator – October 1929, Lake Michigan, near Port Washington, Wisconsin. Carried 268 Nash automobiles, some still chained in place inside the hull, some scattered onto the lakebed.



SS Milwaukee – October 1929, Lake Michigan, 10 miles from Milwaukee. One railcar full of cars; reports vary on whether they were Nashes or Kissels.

SS Wisconsin – October 1929, Lake Michigan, 6.5 miles from Kenosha. At least half a dozen cars of unknown makes.

More recently, in Jan 03, 2019 a massive cargo ship carrying 3500 new Nissan cars was set adrift in a remote corner of the Pacific Ocean after a catastrophic fire broke out on New Years Eve. Nearby merchant vessels responded to the distress call and rescued 16 crew members, while another five mariners are presumed dead.



Women and the Automotive Industry Series:

During a recent visit to the Pierce Arrow Museum in Buffalo, NY, they had a display highlighting the inventions and early participation of women in the development of the Automotive industry. Each month, we will present a monthly feature showing the PA Museum display, then a list of Automotive inventions by women, plus Women Auto Pioneers and current Industry Influencers.

Pierce Arrow Museum Salute to Women in Automotive History



The Pierce Arrow museum is located in Buffalo NY near the original auto manufacturing site



Showcases highlighting early Women contributors



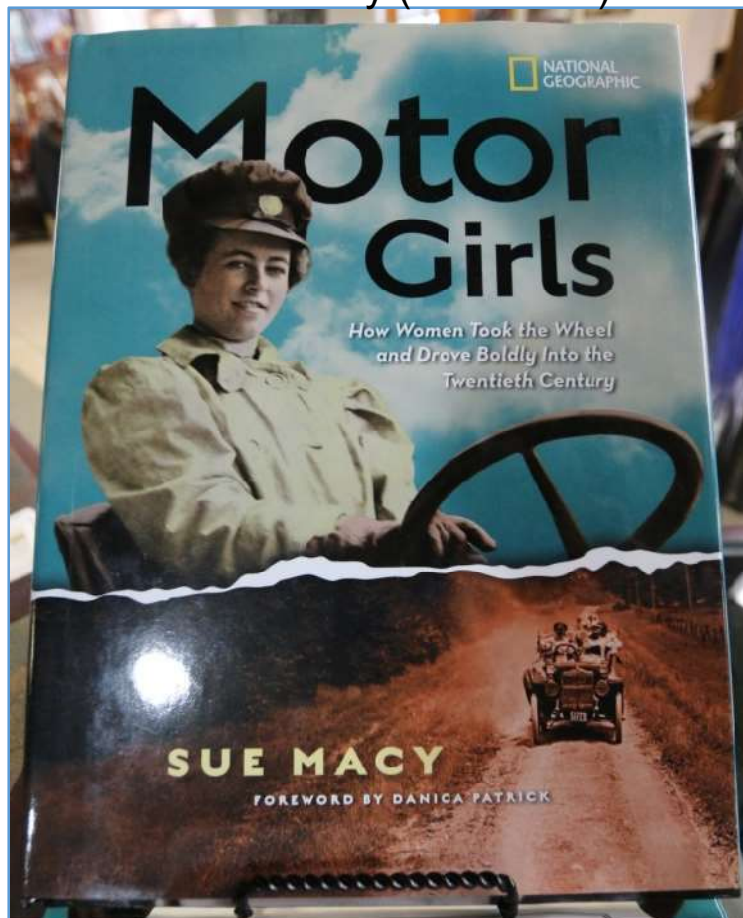
1891 Victor Manufacturing Victoria Ladies Bicycle



1900's Ladies Motoring fashions



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This book by Sue Macy was highlighted by the Museum. It portrays a joy ride in this enthralling tribute to the daring women – Motor Girls, as they were called at the turn of the century – who got behind the wheel of the first cars and paved the way for change. The automobile has always symbolized freedom, and in this book we meet the first generation of female motorists who drove cars for fun, profit, and to make a statement about the evolving role of women. From the advent of the auto in the 1890s to the 1920s when the breaking down of barriers for women was in full swing, readers will be delighted to see historical photos, art, and artifacts and to discover the many ways these progressive females influenced fashion, the economy, politics, and the world around them.



Women in early Automobile advertising is featured in the exhibit

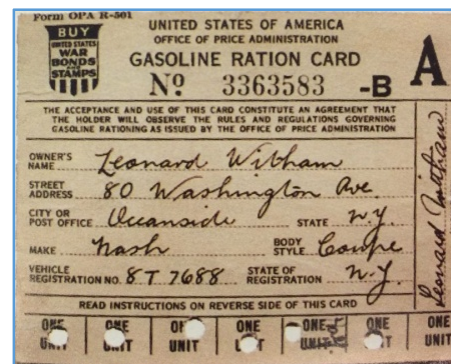
Automotive History

Rationing in World War II

Author unknown

My mother said that gramps once wedded the front half of one car with the back half of another [different makes] so they would have 'wheels.' During the war he always had something with four wheels operational so the relatives and neighbors would 'pool' their gas ration coupons so all could go on a jaunt to pick up groceries or try and forget the war for awhile.

If I remember my history correctly, gasoline was not in short supply. The US was an exporter of oil at that time. What was in short supply was rubber; that came from Japanese held southeast Asia. As the war went on, synthetic rubbers were developed. Tires for the most part were unavailable, so unlimited gas would further wear down the tires thus fewer cars for critical needs. Same as War Bonds, it gave people a patriotic feeling of helping the war effort whereas the primary goal was to take money out of circulation to avoid hyperinflation.



My mom was lucky. While dad was at war during WW2, she was a "Rosy the Riveter" and was able to get "Av (aviation) Gas" for her car from Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach, CA, that she worked for. She'd mix it half & half with regular pump grade gas to keep from melting the engine in her '34 chevy. That 100/150 octane gas made her car take off like a "ruptured duck"!!

My father had a butcher shop in New York City. Meat was also rationed. He made a deal thru an intermediary, where he would park our car on a certain street once a week with a certain amount of beef in a package under the drivers seat and when he picked it up after work, the meat would be gone but the gas tank was full. He never knew who he was dealing with for many years until, during a high school history class, one of my classmates was telling the class how his father, who owned a gas station, would pick up a car that had a package of meat in it, he would put gas in it and return it to where he picked it up. We introduced our fathers to each other almost 10 years after the war.

X cards for members of Congress. Even back then they got perks above to ordinary citizen.

My wife's Grandfather was a plant manager making essential materials for the war effort. His old car died in 1943, and he was able to buy a new 1943 Hudson. It was the only car available at the time. It had the chrome was blacked out. We have his ration cards somewhere, they were B ration cards.

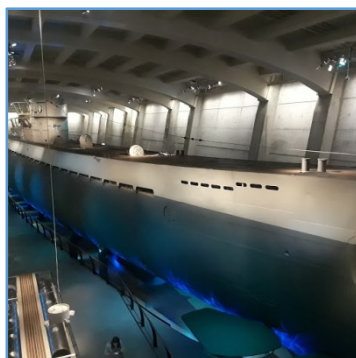
In Cleveland, OH during WWII people donated their pianos to the war effort. The pianos were then piled up in a local park & set on fire. The remaining steel was then taken to a local steel mill to be melted & reused in new steel for the war effort. Seems like a waste of beautiful instruments but the donating public felt very patriotic.

This is a very early gas ration card. in 1942 the gas shortage was restricted to just the eastern seaboard area. (Hence the Massachusetts address) This was because all the fuel was delivered by ocean tanker (no pipelines) and they were rapidly being sunk by U-boats. There was always plenty of gasoline in Texas. As the war progressed, (late 1942 on) the lack of rubber for tires (as described) and the patriotic need for everyone to do their part, brought gas rationing to the entire country. Counterfeiting? the cards didn't last that long (some cover only 2 months) and the easy to detect aspect that you could see your neighbors were using more gas than they would have been rationed, prevented most counterfeiting. However black marketing was always an issue. (as described in the meat for gas scheme above)

In the food (and shoes, etc) rationing world, they would sometimes change the books. "Remember last month when the airplane stamp was used to buy butter? Now those same stamps are used for sugar. . . "

Black marketing beat counterfeiting every time.

Some may not know this but beginning in May of 1942 and ending in August of 1945, a nationwide speed limit of 35 miles per hour was instated. The "Victory Speed" limit was instated in order to reduce gasoline and rubber consumption. The slower people drove, the less gas and rubber they would need.



Captured U-boat 505 on display in Chicago



2022: FORD THUNDERBIRD COULD REPLACE GT

[Jason Haddad](#) posted in [SUPERCAR COMMUNITY](#)

The days of the personal luxury car might be over, but with Ford's flagship, the GT supercar still in production until sometime in 2022, there's one car that Ford might actually bring back. It could bear the Thunderbird name, although it would enjoy a different lifestyle than either of the other cars carrying the name. Both the first-generation T-Bird and the eleventh-generation with the retro style were a mix of sporty and classy, with quite a few powerful V8 engines to choose from; but the next T-Bird, if it decides to come back, will take a different route.



Current Ford GT

If the Ford Thunderbird comes back, it will likely become a high-performance grand tourer. To state my predictions, it will likely come standard as a two-seat convertible (as did the first-generation model), but it could do so along with a no-cost two-seat coupe variant. The Thunderbird could underpin a Lincoln model with more practical variants, such as a 2+2 coupe and its convertible equivalent, and even a four-door coupe and/or sedan. No kidding, there was in fact a four-door Thunderbird, which was produced only in the model's fifth generation with Lincoln Continental-style suicide doors.

The Ford brand may have edged out all of the cars except for the Mustang pony/muscle car and the GT supercar. But that won't stop the brand from reviving the Thunderbird, which could slot in-between with the muscle car and the supercar that it might replace. It will likely use the same front-engine, rear-wheel-drive (FR) layout as all Thunderbirds have. Or, Ford could move the engine a little back, making for an FMR layout, or a front-mid-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout. Many grand tourers carry the latter layout to ensure better balance towards the rear wheels.

The Ford Thunderbird was not only a sports car (first and eleventh generations), but also a midsize and later full-size car (second through tenth generations). All generations had V8 engines either as standard or optional, although quite a few had V6 engines. This is why when the Thunderbird name makes a return, it could spawn as many variants as possible, especially when rebadged as Lincolns. As Ford already is going towards the fully electric route, who knows when there will be an electric CUV/SUV carrying the Thunderbird name? An electric SUV that could even replace the full-size, body-on-frame Expedition?! Anyways, back to the sports car revival. The Ford Thunderbird will likely carry twin-turbocharged V6 and V8 engines. A mid-level Thunderbird will likely take on cars like the recently-launched McLaren GT and Ferrari Roma, as well as the Aston Martin DB11, while an even more extreme T-Bird will battle with ultimate GTs such as the Ferrari 812 and Aston Martin DBS. For the North American market, the engine options could include a 700-horsepower, 3.5-liter V6 and a 1,000-horsepower, 5.2-liter V8. For the European market, the options could expand to a 3.0 V6 with 400 hp and 415 lb-ft of torque, as well as a detuned 3.5 V6 with 450 hp and 510 lb-ft.

The 700-hp V6 T-Bird could accelerate from 0-60mph in 3.5sec and hit a maximum speed of 195mph, while the 1000-hp V8 T-Bird could sprint to 60 in just 3.3sec and top 200mph. Transmission options should include a 10-speed automatic and a 6-speed manual. The Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 muscle car and the Ford GT supercar both come with a 7-speed dual-clutch automatic, but big power should make up for the T-Bird's more traditional gearboxes, as it will be designed more for comfort rather than for speed.

The Ford Thunderbird will likely cost \$80,000 for the 700hp V6 variant and \$130,000 for the 1000hp V8 variant, making it the most powerful car in its segment. It should continue where the Dodge Viper and Cadillac XLR-V left off, by being America's top-dog, front-engine, two-seater brute, combining the agility of a Viper and the comfort of an XLR-V! The Chevrolet Corvette is now a mid-engine supercar, although it is not as expensive as the Ford GT. The Thunderbird could be America's next monster, soon to be.

Thunderbird Designer Ideas



*1955 prototype thunderbird from 1954.
Notice the Crown Victoria molding*



*Restyled 1955 Thunderbird interior
by artist Dwayne Peace Ridler*

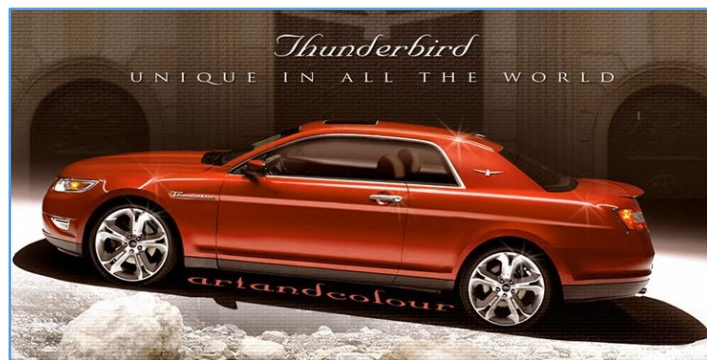
Added Thunderbird Prototype and Designer Ideas



2017 Thunderbird Concept Car



2015 Thunderbird Concept Cars by Futucars



2015 Thunderbird Concept Car



1962 Thunderbird Concept car by Revives



1961 Thunderbird Concept Car



1963 Thunderbird "Italien" concept car at the Blackhawk Museum