



**PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB**  
of  
**NEW MEXICO**  
Chapter 17 of the Classic Thunderbird Club  
International

**July 2016 Newsletter**



The Pajarito Club Proudly Displays  
their beautiful Thunderbirds at  
Monroe's New Mexican Restaurant



Russ & Jeff Branyan shined-up the  
Buckskin '56 for the Saturday  
Luncheon at Monroe's

All Photos by Sammy



June 11<sup>th</sup> found 24  
Pajarito Club  
Members, 6 Little  
Birds, & 2 Retro Birds  
attended the  
luncheon at  
Monroe's. Thanks to  
Rick & Vicki Keller for  
the arrangements.



## **JULY ACTIVITIES**

1. **Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 2pm:** The Pajarito T-Bird Club has been invited to participate in the annual Corrales 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Summer Fiesta. Plans are to meet in the parking lot for Little Anita's Restaurant at the corner of Corrales Road and Alameda Blvd at 8:00am. Some participants may wish to have breakfast at Little Anita's prior to assembling in the parking lot. The pajaritos will depart promptly at 8:30am and caravan north to the Corrales Elementary School parking lot. President Sammy assures us that the Thunderbirds will be in front of the equestrians. This should be a fun patriotic event in the quaint village of Corrales, NM.
2. **Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm:** The Pajarito Club will have a luncheon at the Sandia Casino at the "Thur Shan Buffet". Cost will be \$12.92 per person, includes gratuity and tax. We will have to stand in line, and let them know that you are with Pajarito Car Club, pay and receive receipt. Enter from Tramway and Rainbow, go over rock bridge and turn right to "B" Lot. Come early so we can park together. Some may want to use the underground parking (it's cooler with elevators closer to the buffet). Members should, probably arrive by 11:30am. Carole Lachenmeyer will need to know the number of people planning to attend by Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3pm:** Terry Leighley has made arrangements for the Pajarito Club to tour the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, at 601 Eubank Blvd SE (across the street from Costco) as part of the Museum's Route 66 celebration. Plan to be there from 9am to 3pm (you can leave earlier if need be). This will be no cost to us; admission to the Museum will be free to 2 people per vehicle. We can park out front or in the back with the planes, personal preference of the driver. No lunch is planned, however Costco, Burger King or Chick-fil-A are within walking distance. Terry can conduct a 2 hour tour of the Museum if anyone is interested. Cars do not have to be T-Birds but must be old cars.
4. **Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> from ~9:00am – 4pm:** Phillip Lovato has invited all Pajarito Club members to come check-out his "Hot Rod Shop" at 4101 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Phil will have several of his cars on display and will provided free hot dogs and sodas. This is an open house event and folks can come and go during the day. Overflow parking will be available across the street and on the adjoining side streets of Cherokee and Mescalero.

## **PLANNED AUGUST ACTIVITIES**

**TBD:** Doug Talbott has been forced to cancel the planned over-night trip to Ruidoso, NM due to lack of interest. Apparently, our club has become less inclined to venture out of town very far with their old Fords. Doug is working on an alternative activity so standby. Details to follow in separate email.....Ed

### **2016 Planned Monthly Activities**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – Corrales 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
(Sam C de Baca)**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> – Luncheon at Sandia Casino  
(Carol Lachenmeyer)**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> – National Nuclear Museum Tour  
(Terry Leighley)**

**July 30<sup>th</sup> – Hot Rod Shop Open House  
(Phillip Lovato)**

August – TBD (Talbot)

September – TBD (Sowers)

**Sept. 13-18<sup>th</sup> – CTCL Convention (San Diego)**

October – TBD (Windes)

November – TBD (Murphy)

December – TBD (Kontny)

**PREZ SEZ:** June was an active month for the Pajarito Club, lots of car shows and several restoration projects in the works. Currently we know of at least 5 classic Thunderbirds undergoing restorations or mechanical upgrades. We can't wait to see them finished and participating in our club activities. Please remember that we are a chapter of The Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) and that we encourage our members to join CTCI. The "Early Bird" magazine is one of the best among all national car clubs. You can sign-up at [CTCI.org](http://CTCI.org) or call me for a paper application form. Looking forward to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Corrales, hope to see you there. Sam



### **2016 Pajarito Thunderbird Club Officers and Volunteers**

**Sam C'de Baca – President (249-1650) or [rmrcnm60@gmail.com](mailto:rmrcnm60@gmail.com)**

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### T-Bird Trivia Quiz – What's wrong with this 1957 Ford Thunderbird??

Answer: It is the only known '57 T-Bird without a hood scope. It was special ordered by Lois Eminger who worked for FoMoCo back in the day. BTW; Lois is the person who rescued the factory invoices.



Lloyd Powell's gorgeous 1960 T-Bird Convertible



Very Nice Color for  
a Bullet Bird Coupe



#### **PAJARITO CLUB MEMBERS – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Back Row:** Fred Lachenmeyer, Jim Timmons, Sammy Greigo,  
Phil Lavoto & Jay Norman

**Second Row:** Jim Kontny, Bill Verant, Tom McWilliams, Ed  
Sauer, Jim Bell, Bernadette Maldonado, & Sheri Bell

**Front Row:** Ray Wood and Bobbie Foil



**Does This Bring Back Any  
Memories?**





**FOR SALE**  
1956 & 1957  
Two Fabulous Ford  
Thunderbirds

Emily DeLorenzo  
505-263-5499

Yellow '56: \$46,900  
White '57: \$35,000



**Welcome New Pajarito Club Members**

Mark Torres – Black 1961  
Debbie Michelsen – Black 1965 Conv.  
Lloyd Powell – Blue 1960 Conv.

**REMINDERS:**

- CTCI National Convention in San Diego, CA – Sept. 13-18; Plans are for Pajarito Club members to caravan out on Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> as a group, spending one night in Yuma, AZ.
- Tell your friends and/or prospective members to check-out our club website at [thunderbirdsnm.com](http://thunderbirdsnm.com) - Jim Bell, web-master says we continue to get lots of hits.



**Members of the young Pajarito Club at  
NMCCC Show - 1982**

Standing Left: Rob & Bob Pierson

Standing Right: Rosemary Timmons

Seated (L to R): Unk, Unk, Unk, Melanie  
& Mel Belmier, Ethel Edwards, Sid &  
Bobbie Foil, Gaye & Terry Leighley, Don  
Anderson, Stan Schnider? Photo by  
Jim Timmons? (not in photo)



Anybody know this  
lady? Photo taken at  
the '66 Casino Car  
Show a few years ago  
and haven't seen her  
since. She should be  
part of our group.



**1955 T-Bird vs 1955 Corvette**

