



PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB
of
NEW MEXICO
Chapter 17 of the CTCI
June 2018 Newsletter



Durango City Activities June 16-17

As most of you know, the Durango car show was canceled this year BUT we are joining the Placitas Corvette car club and several of us are headed to Durango anyway. The park across the street from the Hampton Inn has been secured for a Friday night tailgate party. Hampton inn is going to supply their gas grill. Some day trips and maybe a small car show are planned. Craig Sowers is coordinating a visit to a Western BBQ restaurant for thunderbird owners. Still time to make reservations and join us.

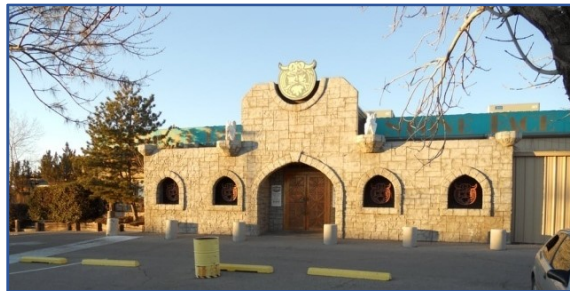


June 16 Concurrent Lunch

Stone Face Tavern
Saturday, 11:30 AM
8201 San Pedro NE

Coordinated by:
Ed and Mary Chappelle

Set up: Separate Checks

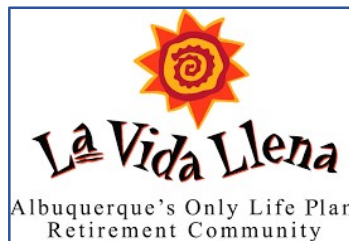


Parking: We will have an area set aside for us to park the T-birds. Non-Tbirds park on the north side and walk past the sand volleyball courts. Enter through the brown door and go to the far side of the bar.



La Vida Lena Car Show

10501 Lagrima De Oro Rd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111
06/23 10 am-1pm
This is a non-club event



Sign up for

Chama Fishing Trip

July 13-14

Call Philip Lovato for more info
505- 345-5865



Its Back: Shrimp Boil with the T-birds

Date TBD (but in July)

Location: TBD

Cost: \$20.00 each for members
and spouses

\$ 25.00 each for guests

Head Cooks: Toni and Terri Beach

Menu: Check the photo

You will not leave hungry!



Come witness the Throw...and eat hearty!

Still Time to get Reservations:

2018 CTCI International Convention

"Thunder 'n Lightnin' in the Smokies"

August 15-19

Knoxville, Tennessee



CONVENTION AGENDA (MAY 2018)

	Tuesday August 14	Wednesday August 15	Thursday August 16	Friday August 17	Saturday August 18	Sunday August 19
<i>Morning</i>		Registration Desk 8:00 - 5:00 pm Concours cars enter KCC Times assigned	Breakfast in KCC 6:30 - 9:00 am Registration Desk 8:00 - 5:00 pm Judges Training* 7:30 - 11:00 Followed by F-Bird Training Thunder Road Drive Departure 8:45 Club LeConte Luncheon - Fashion Show 11:30 - 2:00 pm	Breakfast in KCC 6:30 - 9:00 am Owners/Judges Mtg* 7:30 - 9:00 am Concours d' Elegance 9:00 - 4:00 pm Volunteer Princess Cruise 11:30 am	Breakfast in KCC 6:30 - 9:00 am Swap Meet 7:00 - 9:30 am Smoky Mtn. Scenic Drive and Buffet Lunch 8:30 - 2:00 pm	Farewell and Have a Safe Drive Home
<i>Afternoon</i>	Registration Desk 4:00 - 6:00 pm	Hospitality in KCC CTCI Board Meeting* 1:00 pm CTCI Membership Meeting* 2:00 pm Ask the Experts Meeting* 3:00 pm	Hospitality in KCC All cars enter KCC all day Times assigned	Hospitality in KCC Cars exit KCC for Knoxville Drive Get gas enroute.		
<i>Evening</i>		Welcome to Tennessee Buffet/Party 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Dolly Parton's Smoky Mtn. Adventures Buses depart 3:30 pm	Dance Party 6:00 pm	No Host Cocktails 6:00 - 7:00 pm Awards Banquet 7:00 - 10:00 pm	

NOTE: Times subject to change, check after you arrive; * All meetings take place in the Lecture Hall

August 25th Luncheon

Joe's Pasta House 3201 Southern Blvd Rio Rancho
Saturday, 11:30 AM

Coordinated by: Gary Burns

*Voted & Reviewed one of the
Best Italian Restaurant Albuquerque*

Featuring:

*American Italian, Authentic Italian,
Hand-Cut/Natural Steaks/Fresh Seafood*

Buffet Lunch: This will be a buffet lunch and will cost \$17.00 per person. This includes tax, tip, soft drink and desert. There will be lots of choices on the buffet including numerous salads, two different pasta's and sauces, soup, desert and drinks. Alcoholic beverages available on separate checks. Other menu items not available to group.

PAYING FOR THIS LUNCH WILL BE A LITTLE

DIFFERENT: The club will pay with a single check. You can either bring a check made out to "Pajarito Thunderbird Club" in the amount of \$17.00 per person or bring cash. No credit Cards.



Parking: An area south of the restaurant that can accommodate up to twenty vehicles will be reserved for us.

War Eagles Air (and Auto) Museum, Santa Teresa, NM

September 15-17

Save the date and call for hotel reservations NOW!

Hotel: Travel Lodge

2680 Airport Rd, Santa Teresa, NM 88008

Phone 575-589-0552

Mr. Luis holding rooms for the club

Adventures:

Visit to War Eagles Air and Auto Museum

Visit to Whoopie Bowl Antique Shop

(one of the largest in the Southwest)

Visit to Custom Corvette Upholstery Factory

Coordinator: Lloyd Powell email Lloydpo@aol.com

If you would like a museum brochure, send me a request



One of only 2 museums in the US to include a very unique Russian Sokolov Bomber



This museum includes over 30 airplanes and 40 classic autos, including a boat tail.

More info as we get closer

Socorrofest Oct 5-6

We had a great time in Socorro last year and this year all are welcome again. Theme will be "Low Rider Show 'N Shine" club, but all types of cars are welcome. Great FREE music!

Festivities start 6 PM on Friday, Oct 5 and noon to 10 PM on Saturday, Oct 6. This is not a club event. Check the Socorrofest website for more details



The Lincolns are coming

October 17-21 the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club will be holding a Regional event in Albuquerque and they have invited the Pajarito Thunderbird Club's participation. Note: This is not a Pajarito Club sponsored event and a \$20 fee to be paid to the Lincoln Club gains entry to the events. Other meals and events may incur additional charges.

Theme: "October in the High Desert, Atoms, Balloons and Cars

Hotel: Crown Plaza Hotel, Albuquerque

Website: www.lcoc.org.

Schedule Highlights

Wednesday, 10/17 6 PM - Early Bird Welcome

Thursday 10/18 10 AM – Driving tour to Nuclear Science Museum and Lunch at Santiago's Grill

Friday 10/19 9:30 AM Tour to Anderson and Abruzzo ABQ Balloon Museum

7 PM Mexican Buffet and memorabilia auction

Saturday 10/20 – 8 AM Car Show at Crown Plaza

Note: Judging for Lincolns and Continental only

LCOC Registration Forms available on web or from Lloydpo@aol.com



The most beautiful car design ever? Continental Mark II



Lincoln designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

Summary Calendar of Events

Month	Dates	Event (as of 6/1/18)	Location	Coordinator	Notes
June	6/16-6/17/18	Durango City visit	Durango, CO	Craig Sowers	1-2 nights
	6/16/2018	Concurrent Albuquerque Luncheon	Stone Face Tavern	Ed and Mary Chappell	
	6/23/2018	La Veda Lena Car Show (non-club event)	Lagrima De Oro Rd NE	Tray and Ray Wood	
July	7/13/2014	Chama Fishing Trip	Chama, NM	Phil Lovato	1-2 nights
	TBD	Summer Jamboree Shrimp Boil	TBD	Tony and Terri Beach	
August	8/15-8/18	CTCI Convention Knoxville, TN	Knoxville, TN	Ed Sauer	
	8/25/2018	Concurrent Albuquerque Luncheon	Joe's Pasta House	Gary Burns	
September	9/3/2018	Power Ford Celebration - Second Time	Montano Rd	Lloyd Powell	
	9/15/2017	War Eagles Museum	Santa Tereesa, NM	Lloyd Powell	1-2 nights
October	10/13/2018	Luncheon	Mario's on Paseo	Ray Wood	
	10/5-6/18	Socorofest (non-club event)	Socorro Town Center	Judy Lovelace	
November	TBD	Luncheon	TBD	Jay Norman	
December		Christmas Party		Ed Sauer/Sherry Jobe	
2019					
	10/19 - 10/21	Pajarito to joint host Regional CTCI Event	Albuquerque, NM	Sam c De Baca	2-3 nights

NMCC Car Show and Pajarito Club Winners



Stock Autos 1964-65 2nd
Bill Verant
1964 Ford Galaxie 500XL



Thunderbirds 55-57 - Third Place
Mark Kennedy
55 T-bird



Thunderbirds 55-57 - Second Place
Ray Wood
57 T-bird



Thunderbirds 55-57 - First Place
Phil Lovato
56 T-bird



Stock Autos 60-63 - Second Place
Gary Burns
63 T-bird



Stock Autos 60-63 - First Place
Lou Knight
63 T-bird



Stock Autos 64-65 - First Place
Glenn Schoenbach
65 T-bird



Stock Autos 46-54 - Third Place
Jerry Jennings
47 Plymouth



Modified Cars 40-89 - First Place
Phil Lovato
56 Ford Thunderbolt



Modified Trucks to 89 - Third Place
Phil Lovato
48 Ford Panel Truck



Overall, Phil Lovato took home a box of awards:

- Q. Modified Cars through 1939
2ndPhil Lovato-1930 Ford 5-Window Coupe
- R. Modified Cars 1940-89
1stPhil Lovato-1964 Ford Thunderbolt
- V. Modified Trucks through 1989
3rdPhil Lovato-1948 Ford Panel Truck

- B. Stock Autos 1946-54
1stPhil Lovato-1953 Ford Crestline Convertible
- J. Thunderbirds 1955-57
1stPhil Lovato-1956 Ford Thunderbird
- N. Mustangs/Cougars/Camaros/Firebirds thru 1989
1stPhil Lovato-1970 Mercury Cougar

NMCC Car Show: More Pix

Photos Courtesy Glenn Schoenbach



Jim Timmons caused quite a stir by getting his Mexican kit built T-bird into the International area



Apparently even vintage police keep an eye on Philip....



Our leader – always on the case

NMCC Car Show: More Pix



Enjoying the sun



Sheri Bell wisely stayed in the shade



Jim Timmons explains the Mexican assembly of his T-bird



The crowd debates.....

Someone said there were some other interesting cars.



T-birds were well represented



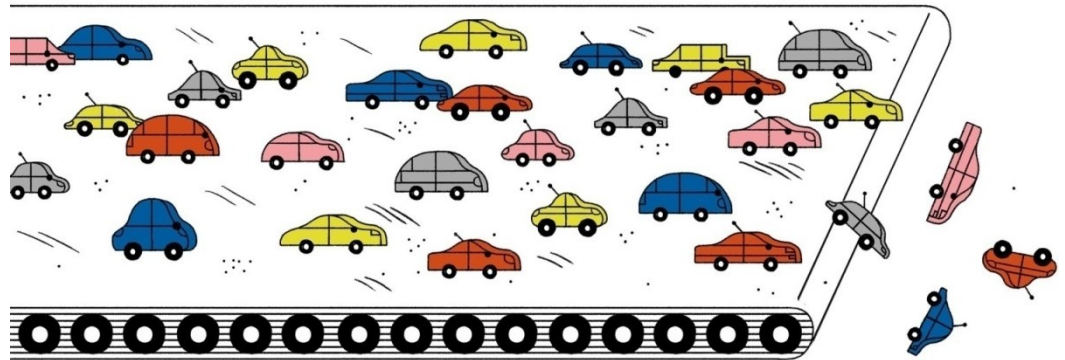
Power Ford Car Show

Photos Courtesy Glenn Schoenbach and Sam c DeBaca



Major Strategy Announcement by Ford

"By 2020, almost 90 percent of the Ford portfolio in North America will be trucks, utilities and commercial vehicles,"



Ford Motor Co has recently announced that it would largely abandon the American passenger car market in favor of building more trucks, crossovers and S.U.V.s. This announcement marks a significant turning point for the American auto industry. The only heritage United States carmaker that didn't go bankrupt in the Great Recession of 2008, Ford had become one of its greenest. But its decade's worth of investment in developing more fuel-efficient cars is now taking a back seat to profit. To be sure, today's crossovers and S.U.V.s are safer, cleaner and more fuel-efficient than their predecessors. But they're still no real match for passenger cars — sedans, hatchbacks and wagons — when it comes to fuel economy and reduced emissions. High-riding S.U.V.s resist the wind more, which decreases economy (and hurts handling), as does the additional weight of these big-tired behemoths.

The only passenger car models it plans to keep on the market in North America will be the Mustang and the upcoming Ford Focus Active, a crossover-like hatchback that's slated to debut in 2019. That means the Fiesta, Taurus, Fusion and the regular Focus will disappear in the United States and Canada. Ford will, however, continue to offer its full gamut of trucks, SUVs and crossovers.

Ford's recent move to focus on trucks in the US has started a debate between bulls and bears. Some believe that Ford's decision could have been better timed but it is not likely to end with a bankruptcy. Even though the company has mid-term potential, there is no denying that peaking auto (car) sales are pressuring the long term stock and profitability outlook.

What do you think? Send comments for the next Pajarito Newsletter to Lloydpo@aol.com or text at 505-280-3114

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Tech Tips

Intermittent Lights?

Having regular light bulbs or even LED bulbs suddenly stop working on your classic car can be frustrating. Often the culprit is corrosion in the bulb sockets themselves. Turn signal lights, side marker lights, taillights, and even headlights can commonly fail due to corrosion. Stop these problems before they occur with the use of dielectric grease that keeps moisture and corrosion out.

Dielectric grease can be used in between electrical connections, but only those utilizing low-current. Battery terminals are high current, so this is not a recommended application. This type of grease can also be used with electrical connectors containing rubber gaskets or boots as a means of lubricating and sealing rubber portions of the connector without arcing.

The advantages of dielectric Grease are:

- Conducts electricity
- Prevents corrosion
- Capable of high temperatures

Another suspect cause for intermittent lights in classic cars is the potential for failure of in-line fuse holders. As they dry out and become brittle, these spring loaded fuse holders can be vulnerable to intermittent connection. Have someone watch the lights in question while manipulating the fuse holder to see what develops.



Replace those rotten rubber parts to avoid headaches

Adapted from an article by [Mike Bumbeck](#) May 17, 2018

Suspension bushings, grommets, and biscuits bring the rubberized triumvirate of tires, brakes, and shocks together for refined road handling and ride. Worn out upper or lower control-arm bushings telescope deflection into unwanted wandering. Ovaled or disintegrated shock absorber grommets can make for a classic motoring clunk fest. Swapping out flattened stabilizer bar rubber bushings or upgrading to urethane versions takes just a few minutes and can bring noticeable improvements in cornering ability. And while rowing the steering wheel back and forth might provide dramatic driving effect while filming a front windshield shot for television and movie production, a new rubberized rag joint or steering coupler can make old steering feel like new.

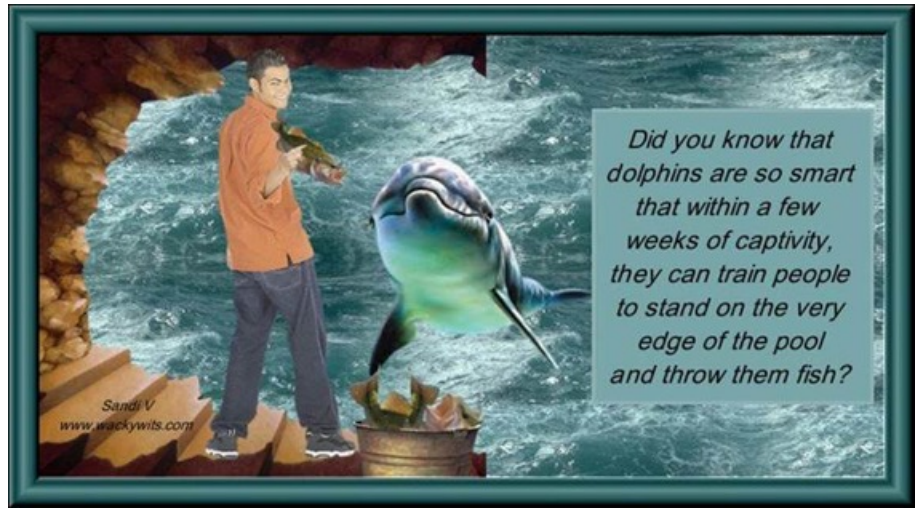
Unusually low mileage does not mean time is on your side, either. Chances are good those old rubber parts have had it. The good news is that new rubber parts are not that expensive. The bad news is getting a hold of them might take some effort. Originality counts, but those old NOS rubber parts are best left in the box, as rubber parts have a three- to 20-year shelf life, depending on compound and storage.

An easy underhood inspection can reveal spent belts and hoses. Spongy radiator and heater hoses need to be swapped. Glazed over and cracked V-belts need to go. Vacuum lines can only stand so many heat cycles. Power steering pressure hose failures can be more difficult. Rubber brake lines might look OK at first glance, but give them a flex when swapping out pads, shoes, rotors, or drums; a few bucks spent on some fresh brake hoses can literally save your life. "When in doubt, throw it out," is an outstanding brake work maxim—and don't forget what you can't see. That shadowy gunk floating around in the brake fluid is more or less comprised of disintegrated rubber from the hoses, brake master, and wheel-cylinder piston seals.





Ed gets a 49 model of his 50 Merc



Wisconsin couple were treated for minor injuries at the local hospital emergency. After their Smart Car hit a squirrel on highway 8. The squirrel refused treatment and left the scene!



Shades of contests past...

Notes from the Editor

May ended as a busy month for the club with New Mexico's biggest event at NMCC and then we supported Power Ford. These all occurred on the heels of the Corrales Tractor Show and our Los Cuates luncheon. Something for everyone! Congrats to the many NMCC winners. I think we equaled any other club in terms of participation and winnings with 7 awards!

Some of us are gearing up for a trip to Durango with several mini-events given the cancellation by the city of the BIG show. It is still a tourist area rich enough for a visit.

Beyond the monthly luncheons several big events loom in the next few months of summer including the August CTCI convention in Knoxville and the Regional Lincoln and Continental Owners weekend in Albuquerque in October. Preparation is also underway to support the joint Regional CTCI event in Flagstaff in May of 2019.

We are still anticipating more discussion from the Haggerty downgrade of the little birds market potential. Combine this with the decline in CTCI corporate membership and increasing CTCI dues to cover their expenses, we are hoping for reconsideration by CTCI of their policy of excluding square birds and big birds. Whatever your opinion, send your thoughts to Sam c De Baca for input to CTCI .

Acronyms

Thanks to Alan Highley

FENDER	Furious Eric Needs Dent Erased Rapidly
PAINT JOB	Plymouth Acquires New Tint Jubilantly On Birthday
JACK	James' Acura Cracks Kingpin
BALL JOINT	Bad Accident Leaves Len's Jaguar Overall In Nasty Turmoil
THROTTLE	Tired Hudson Rolls Over Through Tricky Left Exit
TRIM	Thief Robs Italian's Maserati