



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

**May 2016 Newsletter**



**WOW!** What a great visit the Pajarito Club had to Archie Lewis's Antique Auto Museum and Toy Display on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>! A few brave club members traveled to Moriarty despite the bad weather. A special thanks to Archie for his hospitality and Terry Leighley for coordinating.

## **MAY ACTIVITY**

**Saturday May 7th**

### **Power Ford Thunderbird Display**

The friendly folks at Power Ford have invited the Pajarito Thunderbird Club to display our Thunderbirds at their dealership on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We have participated here before and always enjoy spending the day showing-off our cars, meeting the potential Ford buyers, and celebrating Power Ford's Anniversary Sale. Plan to be there about 8:30am and display from 9am till 3pm. Callers, please get a head count to Ray Wood by Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Power Ford is located at 1101 Montano Road NE, next to Home Depot.

## **Second MAY ACTIVITY**

**Sunday May 15th**

**New Mexico Car Club Council**

### **Annual Albuquerque Museum Car Show**

The Annual Albuquerque Museum of Art and Natural History Car Show, conducted by the New Mexico Car Club Council, is scheduled for Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, from ~8am till ~4pm. The Pajarito Thunderbird Club always looks forward to this event and the opportunity to show our beautiful Ford Thunderbirds. Jerry Jennings will once again be coordinating the parking and display for our club. Plan to be in line on "Old Town Road" (south side of Tiguex Park) by 7:00am in order for us to get the choice spot in front of Tiguex Park. This is always a fun event which provides a chance to meet old car buddies and ogle other makes and models. The theme this year is "Route 66 & The Cars of the 30s and 40s". This should bring out some very interesting autos from the WWII era. Jerry needs a head count by Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **2016 Planned Monthly Activities**

**May – 7<sup>th</sup> Power Ford Car Show (Wood)**

**May – 15<sup>th</sup> NMCCC Car Show (Jennings)**

June 4 - 5<sup>th</sup> KAFB Open House

(USAF Thunderbirds Exhibit - Keller)

June 17 – 19<sup>th</sup> – Durango Father's Day

Car Show (Sowers)

July – TBD (Lachenmeyer)

August – TBD (Talbot)

September – TBD (Sowers)

October – TBD (Windes)

November – TBD (Murphy)

December – TBD (Kontny)

**PREZ SEZ:** April has been an active month for the Pajarito Club. In addition to our tour of Archie Lewis's Museum, we saw Phil Lovato get the engine started in his '56 T-Bird chassis, some of our members helped install Dennis Potter's engine in his Red '55 T-Bird, and I finally acquired the '56 T-Bird that I've been pursuing for several months. May also has several opportunities for the Pajarito Club to get the little birds out; hope you can join us at Power Ford and the Albuquerque Museum Car Shows. I want to extend a special thank you to Gaye Leighley for hosting the ladies who elected not to go to Archie's and for the terrific deserts she prepared for the club members returning from the tour. GREAT JOB! ..... Sam



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

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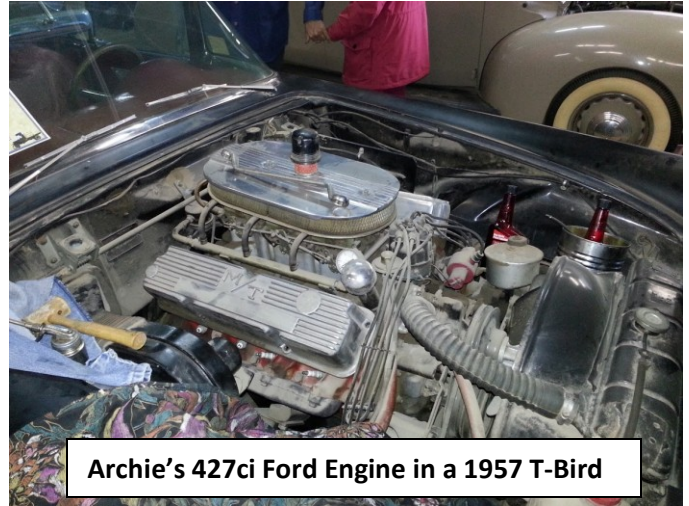
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## Archie Lewis's Antique Auto and Toy Museum – Storage Yard



One of three  
T-Birds at  
Archie's



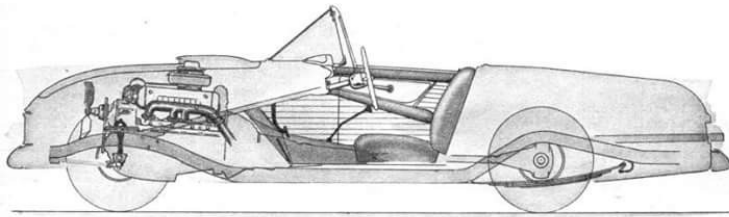
Archie's 427ci Ford Engine in a 1957 T-Bird

National  
Museum  
of Nuclear  
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History  
**Thank You**

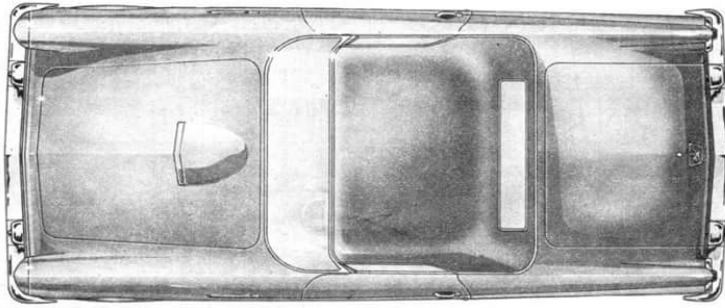
At the request of Terry Leighley the Pajarito Club officers voted to donate \$1,000 to help with the purchase of paint to be used in the restoration of the USAF B-52 at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History.

Thank you, Pajarito Thunderbird Club!  
I can't tell you how much your generous donation means to us. Thank you so much for the incredible \$1,000 gift to support the B-52 restoration project. We truly could not do it without support from friends like you! Please come by any time!  
Sincerely,  
Jessica Tonjes

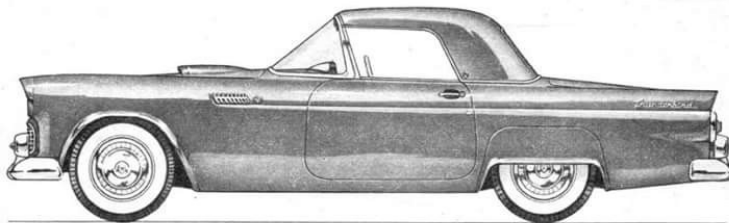




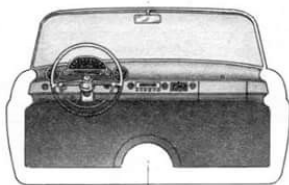
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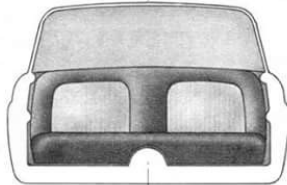
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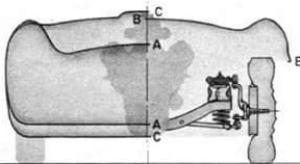
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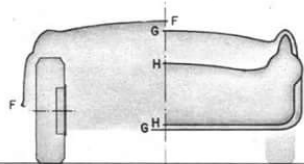
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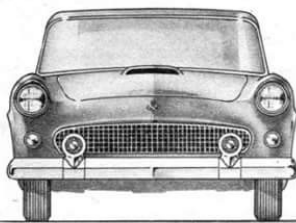
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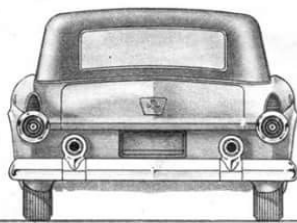
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SECTIONS F, G & H



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1955 T-Bird Details





**The Radiator Springs Pit Crew At Work During T-Bird Engine Installation**

The day finally arrived recently and Rick Keller, Ed Chappelle, Sam C de Baca, Dennis Potter, and Ed Sauer made quick work of the marriage of the rebuilt Y-Block and Dennis' Red 1955 Thunderbird. Note; Rick (in the straw hat) lending both hands despite his left one recovering from recent surgery to repair an encounter with a power saw.



**1959 Edsel Raven  
Concept Car**

Borrowing from the 1957 Ford Thunderbird; Edsel was considering adding a sports car to the 1959 lineup. Too bad they didn't follow through.