



PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB
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Chapter 17 of the CTCI

November 2017 Newsletter



Upcoming Events:

Lunch at Cervantes Nov 11

Our November event is a lunch on November 11 at 11 a.m., at Cervantes Restaurant, San Pedro and Gibson S.E., in Albuquerque. Cervantes is best known for excellent Carne Adovada and other Mexican specialties.



The cost will be \$15.95 for lunch, which includes entrée, non-alcohol drink, tax and gratuity. Cervantes is a local hangout, not geared for tourists. Other menu items are more moderate on the heat scale. Alcoholic drinks are available for non-drivers. The club callers will call to put together a headcount of those planning to attend.

In Memoriam



Bobbie Foil
November 30, 1936
To
October 6th, 2017

Longtime Pajarito Club member Bobbie Foil died October 6th, 2017, following complications from a serious fall in September. Bobbie was a "Classy Lady" in every sense of the term. She was a savvy business woman, dedicated wife, mother of two children and gracious host to our many club pot luck dinners and cookouts at her home. Bobbie was an avid Thunderbird enthusiast; having owned a fully restored 1955 Thunderbird and a 2005 PCR Thunderbird. In recent years Bobbie drove the Bronze 1957 Thunderbird which had been restored

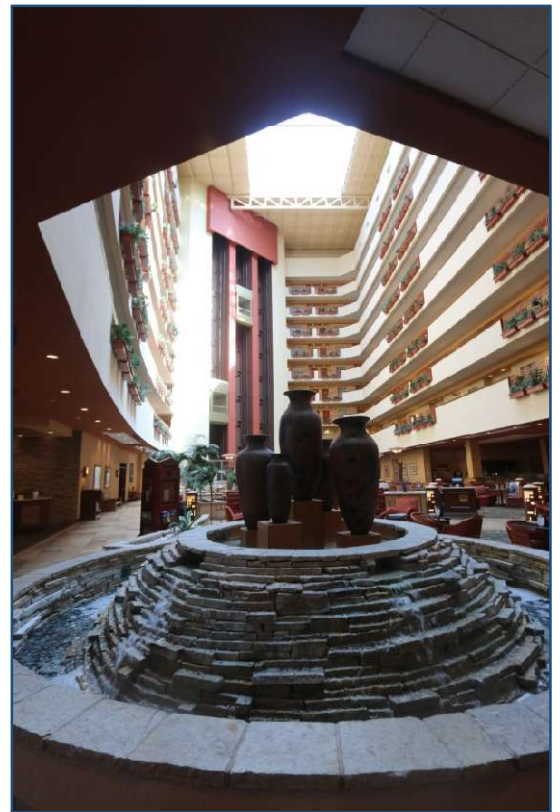
by her late husband Sid. Even though the '57 was a 3-speed manual transmission with no power steering; Bobbie drove it regularly to our club functions. Bobbie was the widow of Sid Foil, past Pajarito Club President, who passed away in 2014. Sid and Bobbie were very active members of our club and could always be counted on to participate in all our club activities. Sid and Bobbie enjoyed taking off on long driving tours in their beautiful Bronze '57 T-Bird. They attended several out of state Thunderbird activities as well as numerous mini-vacations in the T-Bird. Bobbie will always be remembered for her enthusiasm for our club activities and her brownies which she always provided to the guys and gals at the car shows. Bobbie will be missed by the Pajarito Club and by the members of the Del Norte Baptist Church where she worshiped and served faithfully.

Thanks for Ray Wood and Sam C de Baca for contributing items in this issue. Apologies for any errors.

PAJARITO CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 16TH 2017: 6 TO 10PM – EMBASSY SUITES I-25 @ LOMAS

The Pajarito Club's annual Christmas Party Gala will be Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at the Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Place NE (I-25 at Lomas). Greet and drinks at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm. There will be a cash bar and the menu will include your choice of chicken or beef and will cost \$30.00 per person (\$35.00 per guest). All meals include Salad, Rolls, Drink, and Desert. Special Dietary Meals available on request. Also, the hotel is providing a discounted room rate for our out of town guests and those of us who would like to avoid ABQ's holiday evening drivers. The room rate will be \$99.00 and includes complementary happy hour and breakfast (Please contact the hotel individual



Member First Names: _____ & _____ Last Name: _____

Guest Name/s: _____

Member Meals:

Margarita Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast: _____ (Qty) x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Flat Iron Steak (or Special Request) _____ (Qty) x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Guest Meals:

Margarita Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast: _____ (Qty) x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Flat Iron Steak (or Special Request)..... _____ (Qty) x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

(specify special meal request _____)

Please copy or detach this form and mail to:

Pajarito Thunderbird Club

c/o Jay Norman

815 Hydra Rd. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124

Please enclose your check (no cash) to the "Pajarito Thunderbird Club" and mail to Jay Norman before December 11th, 2017.

Where shall we go in 2018?

We have had an exciting 50th year in 2017 but it is time to put together a plan of activities for the club in 2018. Please submit your ideas and suggestions for trips, luncheons and celebrations by December 1, 2017. Please send as email or text to: Lloyd Powell Email: Lloydpo@aol.com or text 505-280-3114. The club's board will make final decisions for announcement at the Christmas Party.



Some of the 2017 Activities:



Giving back to the Community



Charitable Giving Ideas?

As in the past, the Pajarito Club will select an appropriate non-profit charitable group and provide support during the Christmas Holidays. If you have any ideas of a worthy group, please submit suggestions to Lloyd Powell at 505-280-3114 or Lloydpo@aol.com. A final decision will be made by the board.

Socorrofest: A visit to the Free State



Judy Lovelace set it all up!



A Socorro City Councilman welcomed John and Kim Ackerman



We were welcomed by the Pet Parade



Jim and Glen helped Liz get a passport to the Free State of Socorro



We parked under the town symbol



We were visiting a foreign country!



Activities in the town square included great Country Western performances



They even decorated to welcome our "Motor Heads"



The t-birds were a hit!

Socorrofest: Fun for all



Glenn Schoenboch has an immaculate '65



Norm ,Steve and Jean found a shady spot



Sam and Jean Haydu enjoy the sunshine



Jim and Jeanine Kontry joined us in Los Lunas



You are now free to move about Socorro!

Socorrofest: Cars looked great!



Jim found a radiator cap in Socorro



Judy's '57



Big Blue



Kontny's Maroon wonder



Ackerman's Little Blue



Bill Verant's 55

Thank You note from Judy:

"T'was a lovely day for the T-Birds to enhance our little SocorroFest Plaza gathering. Hope everyone enjoyed it. I heard many comments about the beautiful birds to look at. Locals also appreciated you all being here" .- Judy

PROPOSED

2018 Pajarito Thunderbird Club Officers and Volunteers

----- President
----- Vice President
----- Treasurer
----- CTCI Representative
----- MNCCC Representative
----- Newsletter Editor
----- Website
----- Trustee/Past President
----- Director/Past President
----- Director at Large
----- A thru K Phone Calling
----- L thru Z Phone Calling

Please volunteer by adding your name or that of your favorite candidate to any of the blank positions above and bring this form to the Christmas Party or email it to our president at rmrcnm60@gmail.com if not attending the party.

Your Name :

Email:

Automotive Acronyms:

ACURA	Asia's Curse Upon Rural America
AUDI	Another Uly Deusche Invention
BMW	Broke My Wallet
Chevrolet	Can Hear Every Valve Rap On Long Extended Trips
Dodge	Drips Oil Drops Grease Everywhere
FIAT	Failed Italian Automotive Technology
FORD	Fix or Repair Daily
GM	Garbage Motors

Hyundai	Hope You Understand Nothing's Driveable and Inexpensive
KIA	Kannot Inspire Agression
MOPAR	Many Parts Arranged Randomly
PORCHE	Proof Of Rich Spoiled Children Having Everything
T-Bird	Tremendous Blunder In Rear Drivetrain
Toyota	Too Often Yankees Overprice This Auto
Vette	Very Expensive Tinker Toy Experiment
Volvo	Very Old Looking Vehicular Object

I GOT MY CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT YESTERDAY MORNING

In the afternoon, I went over to the local Bass Pro Shop to get a 9mm handgun for home/personal protection.

When I was ready to pay for the pistol and ammo, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader!

As a senior citizen, I do not get flustered often, but this time it took me a while to get my pants back on.

I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to **seniors** a little more clear. I still don't think I looked that bad! Just need to wear underwear more often.



Thunderbird Peddle Cars



Ed Sauer's Dream



Ed's Nightmare

Pajarito Thunderbird Club Contest Announcement:

As we announced at the Indigo Crow luncheon, we will be holding a contest to see who can submit photos of their T-bird under the most signs that include the word "Thunderbird" or "Pajarito". Here are the rules:

1. Signs must include the word "Thunderbird" or "Pajarito" but cannot be hand written or "photo shopped".
2. Deadline for submission of a contestant's group of photos is Friday, December 1.
3. Photos must be submitted as an integral group via email (to Lloydpo@aol.com) or printed on paper (send or give to Lloyd Powell 1704 Robert Dale NE Albuquerque, NM 87112). Submission must include identification of the approximate location of each photo.
4. Decisions of the judges will be capricious, arbitrary and are final.
5. The contestant with the most qualifying photos may select from the available prizes with the second and third place winners selecting from the remaining prizes.
6. Winners will be announced at the Pajarito Christmas Party on December 16.



There are clues everywhere!

Judy Lovelace and the Thunder Chicken having too much fun in Socorro



How did they get here?



I AM MAKING PROGRESS ON THE LAST ONE...

Tech Tips: Replacing carpet in the trunk

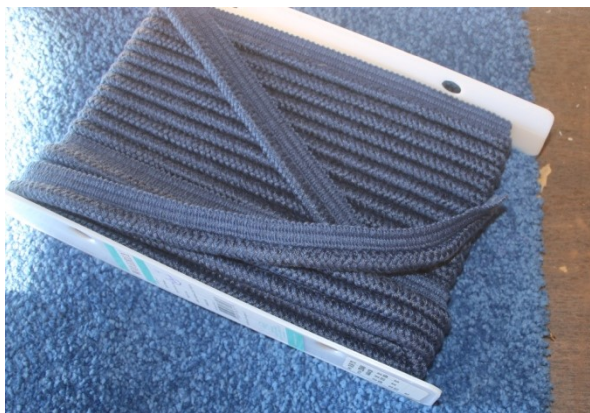
Over time the carpet in the trunk had faded to 3+ colors. Since the convertible shows best with the top upright, the trunk was begging for replacement. Admittedly, the original configuration was plaid printed vinyl, but the richness of carpet was hard to reject. Calculations were made to determine the amount of carpet needed and the length of binding. An acceptable color carpet was found, however, it is thicker and stiffer than auto carpet but was manageable. It was also important to find a good placement for a scissors jack and jumper cables. Placement was complicated by the limited space available when the top is stored in the trunk. Binding can be expensive and there was a lot needed. Jo-Ann fabric offered a choice of colors and a 50% on-line discount on glue-down binding. Results of this project very acceptable. Interior carpet is next month.



Faded colors show up too easily



“home” carpet is thicker than auto carpet



Glueable binding in appropriate color



Old carpet used as template with adjustments as needed



D-ring anchors to hold jack in place



D-rings installed with carpet slots to permit exposure

Tech Tips: Replacing carpet in the trunk (continued)



Hot glue gun is used to attach edge binding to carpet



Finished look



Bungee cords used to hold jack up so it stays out of the way when the top is down.

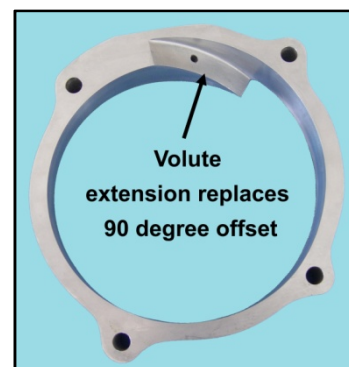


Jumper cables are secured on the passenger side

Overheating solution offered for Classic Thunderbirds:,

An available article titled *Eureka Moment with Engine Cooling* covers efforts to improve engine cooling in 55-57 Y-block Classic Thunderbirds. The article was originally published in the Jan-Feb 2017 issue of the *Early Bird*, and is available by request to Lloydpo@aol.com or you can call or email Chris Ames (602) 722-0749 (ChristopherAmes@q.com)

The article shows the redesigned water pump spacer that resulted from the project. Spacers are available from Paragon Technology for \$236.00 plus tax and \$8.00 handling and shipping for domestic deliveries.



It was hunting season, so he bagged two t-birds....



Ask John Baca the story about which trade he chose...



Old Car Lore...

Ford, who made the first pick-up trucks, shipped them to dealers in crates. The new owners had to assemble the trucks using the crates which became the beds of the trucks. The new owners had to go to the dealer to get the truck, thus the buyer had to "pick-up" the trucks.

And now you know the "rest of the story".



Thunderbird Assembly at Wixom, Mi.

