



PAJARITO THUNDERBIRD CLUB

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Recent Events

Luncheon at Hello Deli



Craig and Laura Sowers, Lloyd Powell, Trae Wood, Art Johnson, Mark and Trudy Kennedy, Liz Powell



Jim Kontny, , Dennis Potter, Jeannine Kontny, Tom Windes, Mary Ann Potter, Laura Murray and John Marsello



Gaye and Terry Leighley, Gary Burns, Ray Wood, Reba Burns, Linda Wood



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Sherry Jobe, Laura and Fred Lachenmeyer, Barbara McWilliams, Ed Sauer, Tom McWilliams



More from Luncheon at Hello Deli



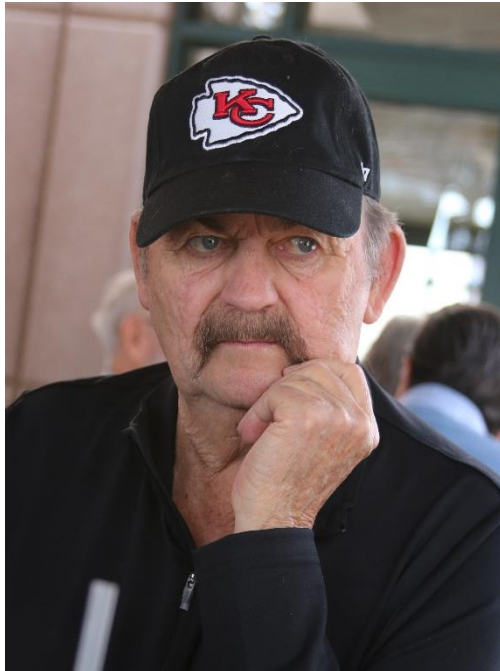
Mary Ann Potter



Laura Murray



Laura Sowers



Art Johnson



John Marsello



Sherry Jobe, Ed Sauer's joy..



Gary Burn's Baby



Laura Murray's joy

Pres Says:



March 2023

We had a great Valentine's Day luncheon at Hello Deli in February, thanks to Ray and Linda Wood for coordinating the event, we had 27 members and 7 Thunderbirds in attendance.

Our March event is the Car Show at Rich Ford on Saturday the 18th at 9:30am to 2pm. We will have our officer's meeting there as well at 11am in their lobby.

I want to thank the crew that came over twice and helped me get my car running again after I swapped out the Carburetor, intake, and distributor. Gary, Ed, Fred, Dennis, and my dad all provided the expertise needed to start and tune my car – Thank you!! Next up, E Bird frame teardown and restoration.

Upcoming events:

TRAE WOOD

Every Thursday: 7:30 AM Breakfast at Hello Deli

Officers Meeting – Sat. March 18th – Rich Ford - 11am

Stay safe

Pajarito Membership is still open!

Fill in the next form and send with \$25.00 to
Pajarito Mail PO Box 93026 Abq, NM 87199



2023 Pajarito Membership Renewal

We are beginning membership renewal for the club. Dues are \$25.00 for the year and requested by January 31. If there are no changes, no form is requested. If you are new to the club or have changes, please use the following form to submit your membership. Please mail your 2023 dues to the PO box address shown below:

Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico Membership Information

Last Name: _____ CTCI Member #: _____

First Name: _____ Spouse/SO First Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. No.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone No.: (____) _____ Cell Phone No.: (____) _____

Email Address/es: _____

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

Optional Information:

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

Other Collector Cars Currently Owned: _____

Interested in Holding Pajarito Club Office? _____

Interested in Hosting or Coordinating a Club Activity? _____

Any Suggestions for Club Activities? _____

The Pajarito Thunderbird Club of New Mexico, Chapter 17, of the Classic Thunderbird Club International (CTCI) is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the "Classic Ford Thunderbird". We recommend joint membership in CTCI for liability insurance coverage. Anyone interested in Ford Thunderbirds is welcome to join and ownership is not a requirement!

Annual membership dues are \$25.00. Pajarito Thunderbird Club members receive monthly newsletters, sent to the Email address you entered above, with updates on club activities, Tech Tips, Thunderbird related articles and Classic Automotive related information. Call Ray Wood at (505) 259-7283 with any Pajarito Thunderbird Club related questions.

Please make a copy of this completed form with the requested information, enclose your check or cash and mail to:

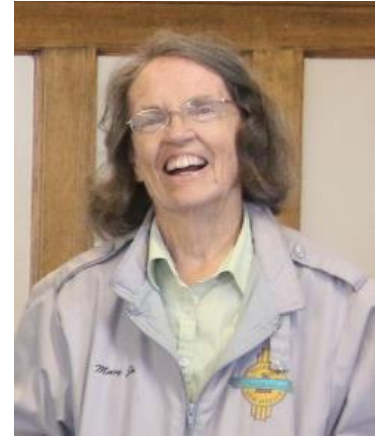
Pajarito Thunderbird Club, PO Box 93026, Albuquerque, NM 87199

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

Upcoming Pajarito Events

Mary Jo Windes Memorial

Tom Windes has arranged a memorial service at First United Methodist Church at the south side of Lead and 3rd, SE, for his wife, Mary Jo Windes, at 10:30am, April 15, 2023. The T-Bird Club is encouraged to attend this celebration of her life, which has been a big part of our lives for the past 53 years. The service will be followed by a luncheon at the church, which all are welcome to attend. Pajarito members will get a call from the Calling Committee to gauge attendance so that the family can plan the luncheon. Tom expressed his gratitude's to the Pajarito Club for all of our support over the years.



Rich Ford Thunderbird Show

Saturday, March 18, 9:30 AM to 2 PM

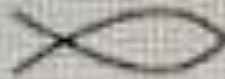
Help the club raise \$\$\$ towards the 2023 Christmas Party at this exclusive Thunderbird event. Hosted by Ed Sauer



Classic car show & Lunch!



March 25th 2023
8:00 am to 3:00 pm



For more information call: Philip @
505.264.9081 or 505.345.5865

Meet at Philip and Sons
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
There will be a \$30 food
donation entry fee
All donation are welcomed!

Help us get the
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others to come

After you park, you will receive a lunch ticket for 11:30 am
and a ticket for the raffle drawing at 2:00 PM.

- Pull top ravioli
- Cup o soup
- Cheese crackers
- Squeeze apple sauce
- Cup of mac & cheese
- Granola bar
- Protein bar
- Fruit snack
- Peanuts
- Trail mix

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Location: Philip & Sons Mechanic and Tire Service, Inc.
2901 Auttec Rd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

2023 Pajarito Club Activity Calendar

Month	Responsible	Activity	Date
March	Ed Sauer Phil Lovato	Rich Ford Thunderbird Car Show Classic Car Show & Lunch at 2501 Aztec Rd NE	March 18 March 25
April	Jim Windes Trae Wood	Memorial Service for Mary Jo Windes Shrimp Boil at Trae's residence	April 15 April TBD
May	Phil Lovato Lloyd Powell	NMCC Car Show at Albuquerque Museum National Thunderbird Appreciation Day	May 21 May TBD
June	Glenn Schoenbach	Corrales Tractor and Classic Car Show	June 3
July	Trae Wood	Route 66 Welcome Center	TBD
August	Ed Sauer	Rich Ford Edgewood Thunderbird Car Show	TBD
September	Craig Sower	TBD	TBD
October	Ray Wood	Luncheon at The Range Café in Bernalillo (perhaps)	TBD
November	Gary Burns	TBD	TBD
December	Ray Wood	Christmas Party at Indian Cultural Center	TBD

Additional Car Events from NMCC

Neighborhood Block Party – May 20

Dreamstyle Remodeling
 1460 N Renaissance Blvd NE
 Albuquerque, NM 87107
 Saturday May 20, 2023
 Registration at 8a, Trophies at 3:30p
 All makes and models welcome
 Contact: David Swope,
nmmotorsportsreport@gmail.com

Father's Day Fiesta Car Show June 18

Cocina Azul
 5916 Holly Ave NE
 Albuquerque, NM 87113
 Sunday June 18, 2023
 Registration at Noon, Trophies at 6p
 All makes and models welcome
 Contact: David Swope,
nmmotorsportsreport@gmail.com

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 **SPRING** 

CRUISE & SCHMOOSE

SONIC DRIVE-IN – 5000 SAN MATEO NE
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 **SUNDAY-APRIL 30th, 2023** 

 10:00 am TO 3:00 pm 

DASH PLAQUES – FIRST 100 VEHICLES

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CLASSIC -VINTAGE - MUSCLE

IF IT HAS WHEELS-BRING IT

GET YOUR VEHICLE OUT OF HIBERNATION,

SHOW YOUR RIDE, KICK SOME TIRES

AND GET ACQUAINTED.

To thank Goodwill Industries for allowing us to use their parking lot we are asking our participants to bring gently used or new items to our schmoose. Goodwill provides job training, skills and social services funded by the sale of these items in their thrift stores. Thanks.

FREE

FREE

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BATOC
65th anniversary
1958 - 2023

Anniversary Celebration

DAY ONE
Tech Session
Car Show
BBQ
Hang Out

DAY TWO
Breakfast
Driving Tours
Poker Run
Lunch
Wineries

June 24th & 25th
At Specialty Sales Classics In Fairfield

BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNER'S CLUB

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Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club
Established 6/4/1958

CAR SHOW
MOTORCYCLE SHOW

SATURDAY
APRIL 29, 2023
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

In BELEN's FIRST ANNUAL HUMMINGBIRD FESTIVAL

129 S. 3rd St, Belen, NM 87002
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All proceeds benefit Valencia County Youths <https://www.facebook.com/rockettecenter>

Welcome New Pajarito Member:
Lyle Reece and his 56' black Thunderbird



Pajarito Club Officers:



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Request for Newsletter Write-ups

Would you be open to sharing some past T'bird experiences, memories, or events from your lives that you think might be of interest to put in an upcoming newsletter? And for those who are mechanically inclined, please consider submitting a tech-tip or two that you feel would be useful to help maintain our cars in top condition.

We're looking to add some fun Thunderbird content to the newsletter, and this would be a positive way to stay connected with each other. Your article doesn't need to be extensive or involved, but simply offering your personal touch about some fun or frustrating incidents with your club or your

Thunderbird. If you need photo help, we can do that!

Please consider taking part in this effort. Any ideas, write-ups, articles, or tech tips can be sent directly to Lloydpo@aol.com.



Bad Battery Connections

Are you plagued by bad battery cable connections? The connection with the real trouble is the negative cable, which connects the negative battery terminal to the firewall of a '57 T-Bird. This connection usually grows something often called 'Hair.' Different remedies have been tried: There is the felt washers sold at auto parts stores, also sprays to stop the 'Hair' growth, washing the battery terminal down with Coke, and removing the cable entirely and taking it to the wire wheel. None of these are a long-term fix.

A suggested solution is Dielectric Grease. First remove the negative cable from the battery and the firewall, for '57's. 1955 and '56, this ground cable connects to the engine. Then use a wire wheel to remove every bit of 'Hair'. It might be best to start with a new cable as an alternative' Spread the dielectric grease on the terminal, all the way down to the top of the battery case. Then spread the grease on the inside and outside of the battery cable connector, making sure to push some into the bolt threads. Wipe excess grease off the battery terminal before reinstalling the cable. If you do this, be sure to try to start the car.

If it does not start, then you still have too much grease between the terminal and the connector. Remove this and wipe down both lightly. Reconnect and try again.



Unusual Thunderbirds

When she said "It's me or that T-Bird", I thought she would be the one leaving.




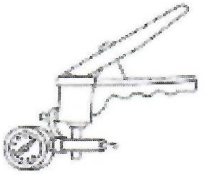


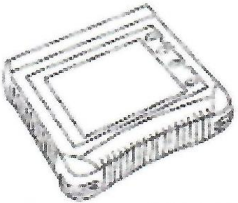
Station wagon
Thunderbird
from bbowie

TECH TIPS

TRANSMISSION DRAIN AND REFILL

Retro Thunderbird GENERAL PROCEDURES Fluid Fill Reference

Without Torque Converter Drain Plug
Spécial Tool(s)

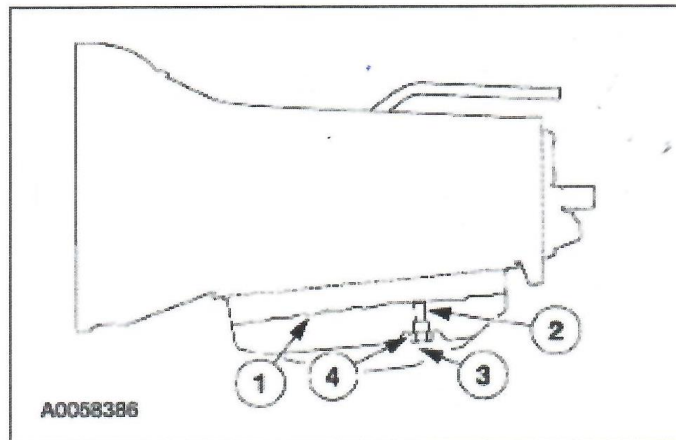
 ST2487-A	Rubber Tip Air Nozzle 100-D009 (D93L-7000-A)
 ST1269-A	Vacuum Pump Kit 416 D002 (D95L-7559 A)
 ST2716-A	Fluid Transporter/Evacuator/Injector 307-D465
 ST2581-A	Adapter, Fluid Level and Fill Plug 307-437
 ST2332-A	Worldwide Diagnostic System (WDS) 418-F224 New Generation Star (NGS) Tester 418-F205 or equivalent scan tool

Material

Item	Specification
MERCON® V Automatic Transmission Fluid XT 5-QM	MERCON® V

Fluid Fill Reference

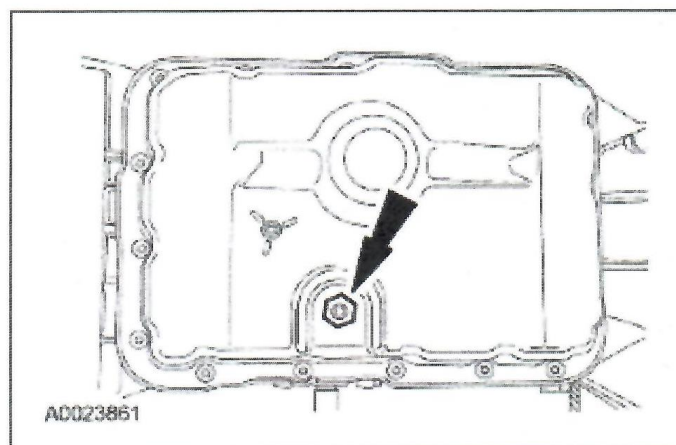
NOTE: Left side of case is shown.



Item	Part Number	Description
1	—	Fluid level
2	7A010	Fluid level tube
3	W704999-S309	Fluid level and fill plug (small) (in-vehicle)
4	7A010	Fluid drain plug (large)

Draining

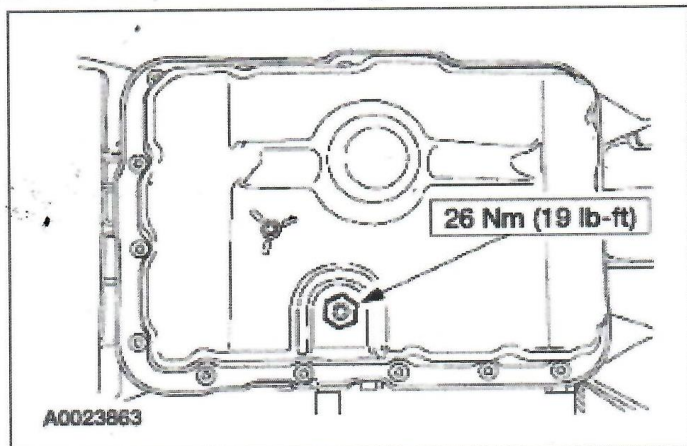
1. With the vehicle in PARK, position it on a hoist. Set the vehicle as close to level as Adapter, Fluid Level and Fill possible. For additional information, refer to Plug Section 100-00.307-437
2. Remove the drain plug (large plug) and allow the fluid to drain.



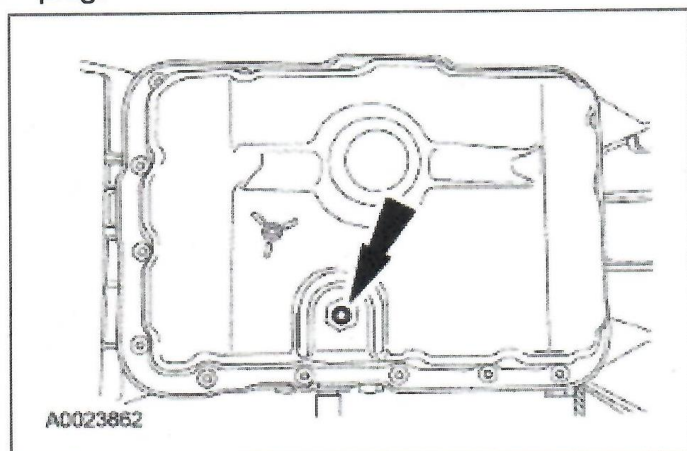
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Filling

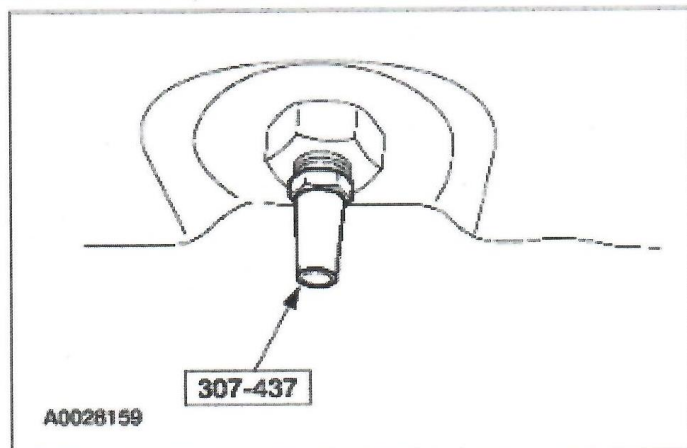
1. Install the fluid drain plug.



2. Hold the larger drain plug with a wrench and remove the small (center) fluid level indicating plug.

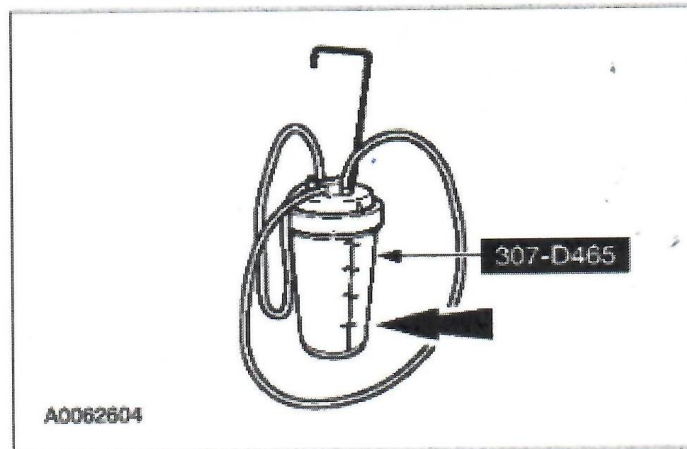


3. Install the special tool into the pan.

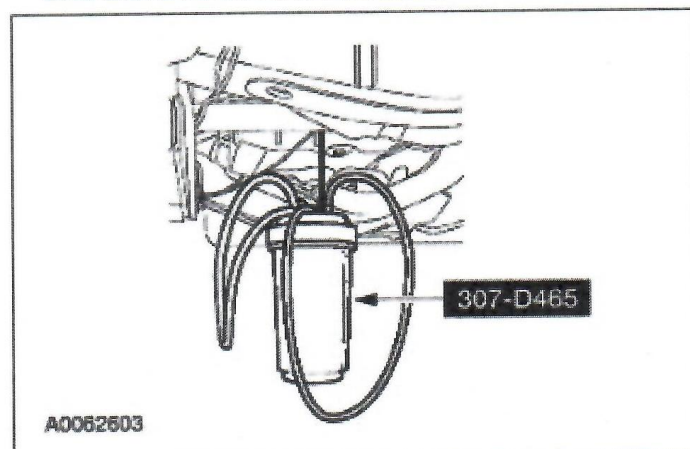


4. NOTE: Prior to filling the special tool with clean transmission fluid, make sure that the canister is clean.

Fill the special tool with clean automatic transmission fluid.

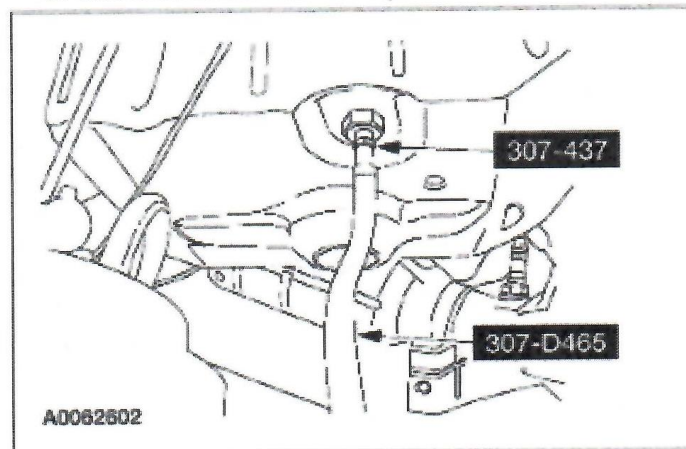


5. Hang the special tool under the vehicle, upright and close to the transmission.



6. Connect the special tools.

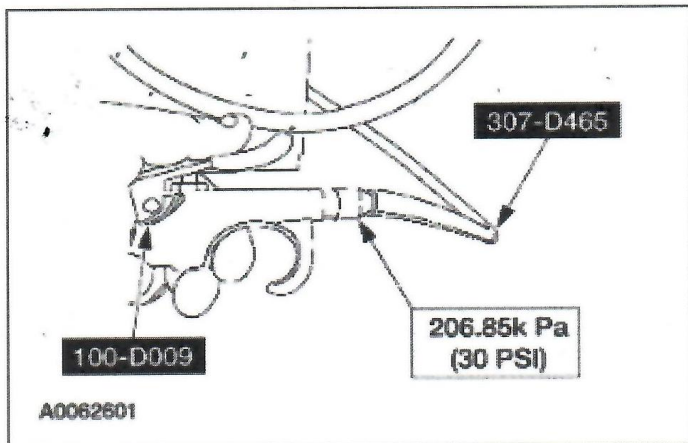
Connect the open end of the fluid hose from, the Fluid Transporter/Evacuator/Injector to the Adapter, Fluid Level and Fill Plug at the bottom of the transmission fluid pan.



7. Apply a maximum of 206.85 kPa (30 psi) to

TECH TIPS

the open end of the vacuum/pressure hose from the special tool. Fluid will immediately start flowing out of the special tool into the transmission fluid pan.

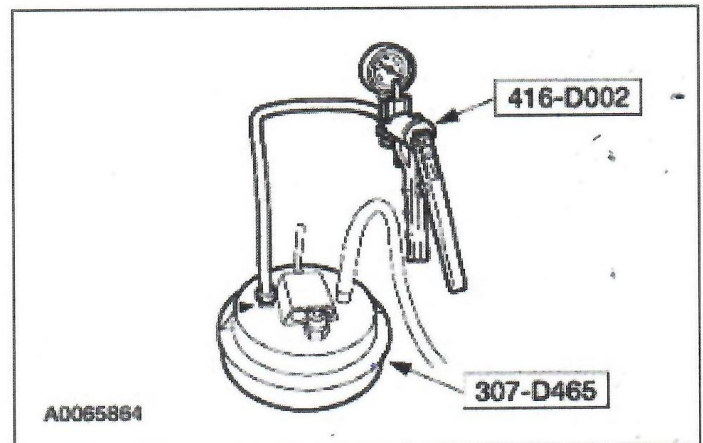


8. Add two or three quarts of transmission fluid into the fluid pan. Stop the process by releasing the air pressure and removing the air nozzle from the end of the hose.

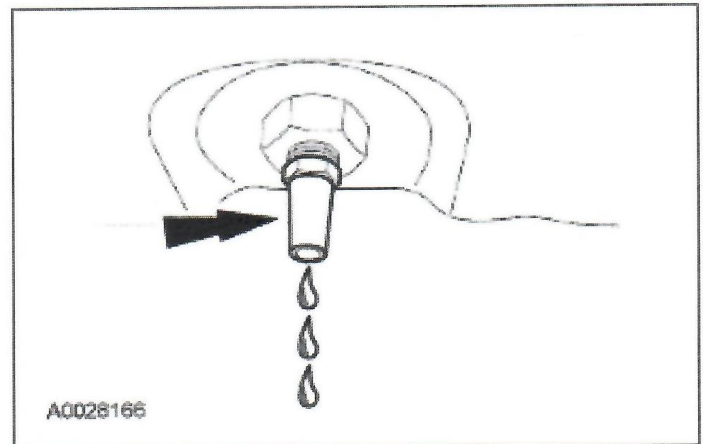
9. NOTE: Engine idle speed is approximately 650 rpm.
Start and run the engine until the transmission fluid temperature is between 27°C - 49°C (80°F - 120°F).

10. Inspect the fluid level in the special tool. If the fluid drains back into the canister, the transmission is full. If no fluid drains back more fluid will need to be added. Repeat steps 9 & 10.

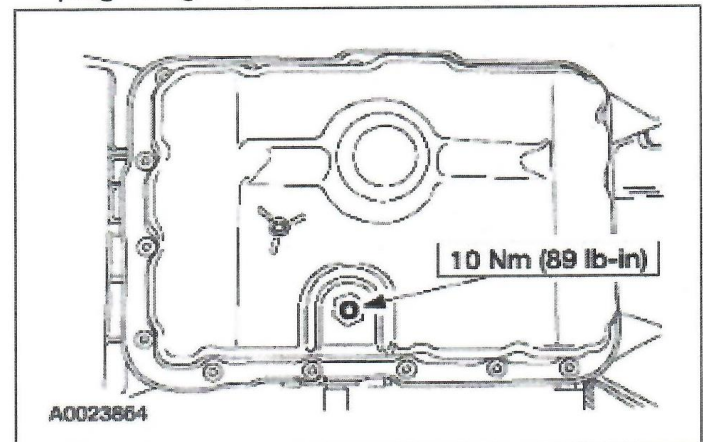
11. Once the transmission is full, place a hand vacuum pump on the open end of the vacuum/pressure hose of the special tool and apply vacuum to the system. This will pull out any extra fluid trapped in the system and direct it into the container.



12. Allow the fluid to drain. When the fluid comes out as a thin stream or drip, the fluid is at the correct level.



13. Reinstall the small (center) fluid level indicating plug using a 3/16-inch Allen key.



FoMoCo Bulletin #307-01-1
Automatic Transaxle/Transmission-5R55S

A New Version of the Ford Thunderbird Looks Ready

by Cody Colella



Ford built the first Thunderbird starting with its model year 1955 debut through 1997. The Thunderbird then went on a five-year hiatus, returning to its roots in 2002 with a two-seater convertible design. The eleventh generation T-bird would run through 2006 until again getting discontinued by the blue oval.

Ford has not indicated they'll revive the Thunderbird for a future generation, but that doesn't stop the enthusiasm for the car from remaining strong. Rostislav Prokop's rendering shown here is both a tribute to the original and a bold redesign that incorporates modern styling. The hardtop roof stays true to form complete with the small circular windows behind the driver and passenger side doors. The headlights and taillights on the new version are more boldly styled with an overstated halo-light look more closely aligned with modern cars. Black wheels, a gunmetal gray paint scheme, and sharp lines take a famous personal luxury car design and incorporate modern muscle.

Cars like the current Dodge Challenger similarly nod to the past while keeping in touch with the taste of consumers who want power and good looks in 2024. Thunderbird specific badging and yellow brake calipers finish off the change as a modern coupe.

While there aren't plans made public by Ford to revive the Thunderbird nameplate, never say never. The Blue Oval discontinued and revived the Thunderbird once before. Since sales of the 2002 version didn't quite meet expectations, a different execution could change the car's long-term fate.



Automobile History

Q: What type of car had the distinction of being GM's 100 millionth car built in the U.S. ?

A: March 16, 1966 saw an Olds Toronado roll out of Lansing , Michigan with that honor.



Q: Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?

A: Camden , NJ in 1933

Q: What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?

A: The 1949 Chryslers .



Q: What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?

A: The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was the first with electric door latches.

Q: What U.S. production car has the quickest 0-60 mph time?

A: The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409. Did it in 4.0 seconds.



Q: What's the only car to appear simultaneously on the covers of Time and Newsweek?

A: The Mustang

Q: What was the lowest priced mass produced American car?

A: The 1925 Ford Model T Runabout. Cost \$260, \$5 less than 1924.

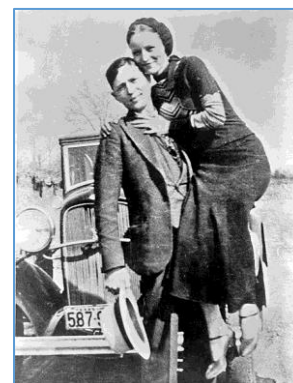


Q: What is the fastest internal-combustion American production car?

A: The 1998 Dodge Viper GETS-R, tested by Motor Trend magazine at 192.6 mph.

Q: Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"?

A: Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde) in 1934.



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ronstopable1@yahoo.com

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Four Wheeled Works for Art?

Even before it was immortalized on the big screen, the **1967 Ford Mustang GTA Fastback** was already the epitome of macho cool. In its first major update since the Mustang hit the market, the '67 took on a more modern and muscular look, becoming longer and wider in the process.

The most elusive of Bugatti's racing cars, the **Type 59** was the car manufacturer's last Grand Prix racer, and was the last one founder Ettore Bugatti built before his demise. With its long, slender body, "piano wire" wheels and other intricate design figures, the Type 59 is a piece of art on wheels. Other owners of this car have included King Leopold III of Belgium.

The most ravishing model of Mercedes-Benz' 500 series is its two-seater **Mercedes-Benz 500K Special Roadster**, launched in 1936. A limited production cabriolet, fewer than 30 were made, adding to its near-mythical qualities. In its day it went for top dollar — over \$106,000.

D. #47895 1955 Ford Thunderbird (Green)

~~\$149~~ \$79* **Save \$70**

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One of the most classic cars in history is the **1955 Ford Thunderbird**. Advertised as "a personal car of distinction," the endearingly termed T-bird was an immediate success. With its sleek lines, youthful presentation, long hood and short deck, drivers were eager to get behind the wheel of Ford's uniquely American revision of a European roadster.

Specifications:

- High-quality die-cast replicas
- Features may include: opening doors, full-functioning steering, four-wheel suspension, detailed chassis and separate exhaust system (varies in each model)
- 1:18 scale replica. Includes display stand



Pajarito Humor

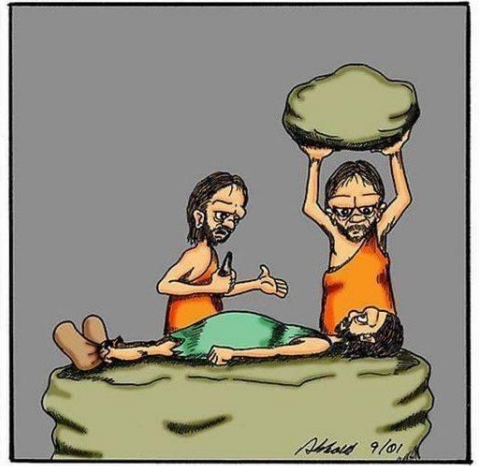
Amos hasn't stopped grinning since he realized he's now rich and very popular with the ladies.



Annette Funicello and her custom purple 1957 Thunderbird.



GILL ASBOTT



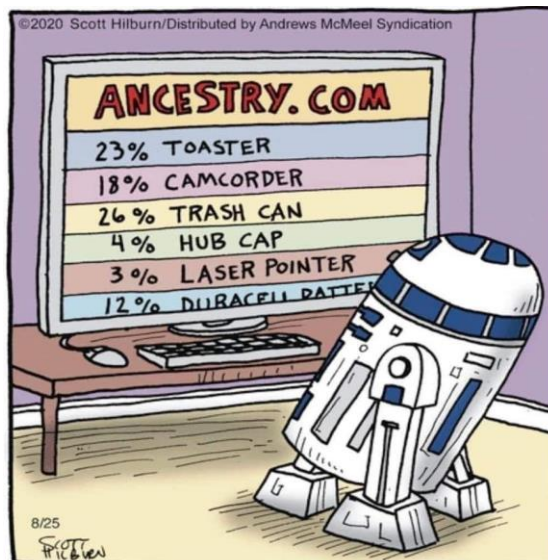
"...and this is Ralph, your anesthesiologist."



Recently sold for over \$25,000!!!



Wall art?



THE NEW DARWIN AWARDS ARE HERE!!

The Darwin Awards are finally out. The annual honor given to the persons who did the gene pool the biggest service by killing themselves in the most extraordinarily stupid way. Last year's winner was the fellow who was killed by a Coke machine which toppled over on top of him as he was attempting to tip a free soda out

This year's winner was a real rocket scientist... HONEST!

Read on...And remember that each and every one of these is TRUE.

And the nominees were:

Semifinalist #1

A young Canadian man, searching for a way of getting drunk cheaply, because he had no money with which to buy alcohol, mixed gasoline with milk! Not surprisingly, this concoction made him ill, and he vomited into the fireplace in his house. The resulting explosion and fire burned his house down, killing both him and his sister.

Semifinalist #2

Three Brazilian men were flying in a light aircraft at low altitude when another plane approached. It appears that they decided to moon the occupants of the other plane, but lost control of their own aircraft and crashed. They were all found dead in the wreckage with their pants around their ankles.

Semifinalist #3

A 22-year-old Reston, VA, man was found dead after he tried to use octopus straps to bungee jump off a 70-foot railroad trestle. Fairfax County police said Eric Barcia, a fast-food worker, taped a bunch of these straps together, wrapped an end around one foot, anchored the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park, jumped and hit the pavement. Warren Carmichael, a police spokesman, said investigators think Barcia was alone because his car was found nearby. 'The length of the cord that he had assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle and the ground,' Carmichael said. Police say the apparent cause of death was 'Major trauma.'

Semifinalist #4

A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites. It seems that he and a friend were playing a game of catch, using the rattlesnake as a ball. The friend - no doubt a future Darwin Awards candidate - was hospitalized.

Semifinalist #5

Employees in a medium-sized warehouse in west Texas noticed the smell of a gas leak. Sensibly, management evacuated the building extinguishing all potential sources of ignition; lights, power, etc. After the building had been evacuated, two technicians from the gas company were dispatched. Upon entering the building, they found they had

Difficulty navigating in the dark. To their frustration, none of the lights worked. Witnesses later described the sight of one of the technicians reaching into his pocket and retrieving an object that resembled a cigarette lighter!

Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the warehouse exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away. Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion. The technician suspected of causing the blast had never been thought of as "bright" by his peers.

Now, the winner of this year's Darwin Award (awarded, as always, posthumously) 🏆:

The Arizona Highway Patrol came upon a pile of smoldering metal embedded in the side of a cliff rising above the road at the apex of a curve. The wreckage resembled the site of an airplane crash, but it was a car. The type of car was unidentifiable at the scene. Police investigators finally pieced together the mystery. An amateur rocket scientist.... Had somehow gotten hold of a JATO bottle (Jet Assisted Take Off, actually a solid fuel rocket)

That is used to give heavy military transport planes an extra 'push' for taking off from short airfields. He had driven his Chevy Impala out into the desert and found a long, straight stretch of road. He attached the JATO unit to the car, jumped in, got up some speed and fired off the JATO!

The facts as best as could be determined are that the operator of the 1967 Impala hit the JATO ignition at a distance of approximately 3.0 miles from the crash site. This was established by the scorched and melted asphalt at that location.

The JATO, if operating properly, would have reached maximum thrust within 5 seconds, causing the Chevy to reach speeds well in excess of 350 mph and continuing at full power for an additional 20 -25 seconds.

The driver, and soon to be pilot, would have experienced G-forces usually reserved for dog fighting F -14 jocks under full afterburners, causing him to become irrelevant for the remainder of the event.

However, the automobile remained on the straight highway for about 25 miles (15-20 seconds) before the driver applied and completely melted the brakes, blowing the tires and leaving thick rubber marks on the road surface, then becoming airborne for an additional 1.4 miles and impacting the cliff face at a height of 125 feet leaving a blackened crater 3 feet deep in the rock.

Most of the driver's remains were not recoverable. However, small fragments of bone, teeth and hair were extracted from the crater, and fingernail and bone shards were removed from a piece of debris believed to be a portion of the steering wheel.

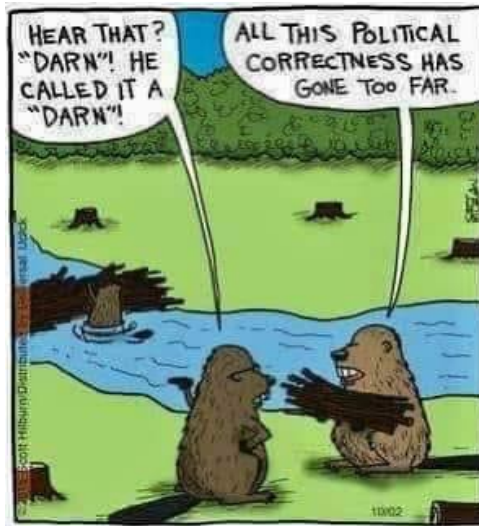
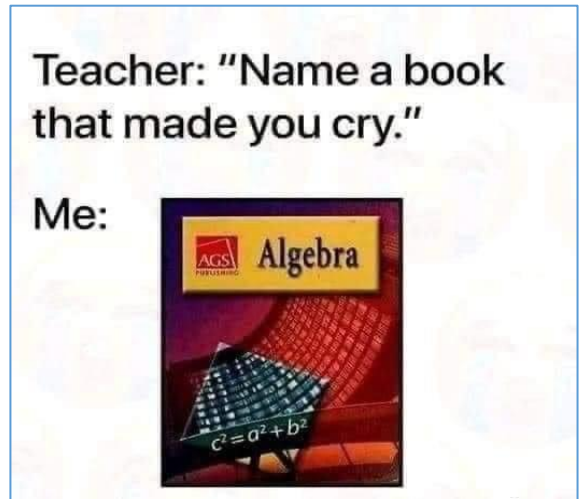
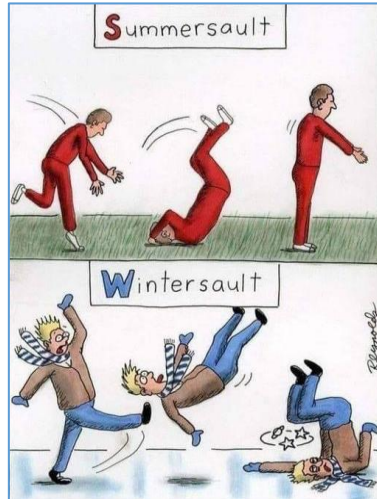
Epilogue: It has been calculated that this moron attained a ground speed of approximately 420-mph, though much of his voyage was not actually on the ground.

You couldn't make this stuff up, could you?

AND PEOPLE JUST LIKE THIS ARE ALL AROUND US, BREEDING & VOTING!!! SCARY THOUGHT, ISN'T IT ?!!

Some Thunderbird flavor:





People say that drinking milk makes you stronger.

Drink 5 glasses of milk and try to move a wall.

Can't?

Now drink 5 glasses of wine.

The wall moves all by itself!

I met a magical fairy yesterday who said she would grant me one wish.

"I wish to live forever," I said.

"Sorry," said the fairy, "I'm not allowed to grant that particular wish."

"Fine," I said, "then I want to die the day after Congress is filled with honest, hard-working, bipartisan men and women who act only in the people's best interests!"

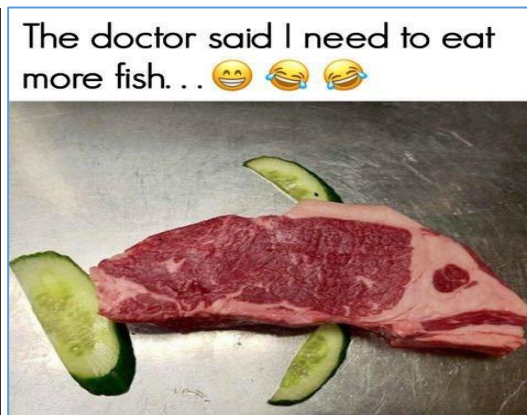
"You crafty bastard," replied the fairy.

My kids and grandkids keep laughing about me losing my memory.

They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!

Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.

fb/sun gazing



Beware of a new Amazon scam. My husband ordered me some expensive jewelry, but motorcycle parts came instead. Thankfully they fit his bike...

The husband trying to arrive late and in silence, but the **wife** uses a technology that neither NASA has. 🤖



I WENT TO AN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING.

ANONYMOUS MY ASS, I KNEW EVERYONE THERE!

When people say they slept like a baby, does that mean they woke up screaming 3 times that night and crapped their pants?



I WAS ASKED WHAT I LOOK FOR IN A RELATIONSHIP... APPARENTLY "A WAY OUT" WASN'T THE RIGHT ANSWER.



Two days until payday...



Sherman_Beardman 1.3k points 2 years ago

The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are pronounced differently bothers me way more than it should.

madamplease 13.7k points 1 year ago

Pronouncing words that end in 'ough'. Cough, bough, rough, dough, through, though....

Vaxtin 4.7k points 4 years ago

Is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?

AdventurousMan 4.6k points 4 years ago

Why does fridge have a "D" in it, but refrigerator doesn't?

Djimmieboy 248 points 1 year ago

Why are Zoey and Zoe pronounced the same but Joey and Joe aren't?

MundaneRiot 261 points 4 years ago

You can drink a drink but you can't food a food.

chertishPanda 218 points 4 years ago

The word "queue" is just a Q followed by four silent letters

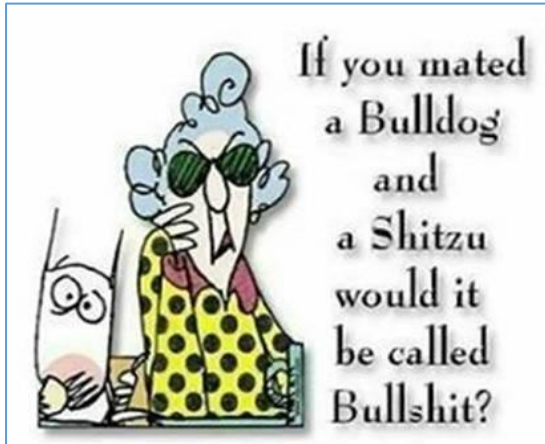
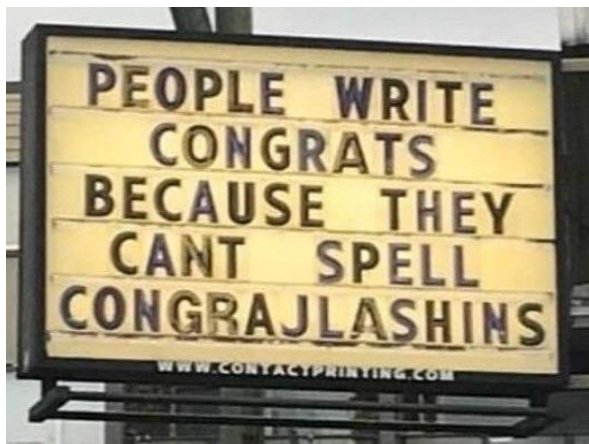
saranowitz 1 point 10 years ago

Why is a "w" called a "Double-U" when it is clearly a "Double-V"?

Do you know the capacity of the brain ? It is estimated at 2.5 Petabytes . Now 1 Petabyte is 1,000 Terrabytes . 1 Terrabyte equals 1000 GB . If you were to put all the brain's capacity on a 16 GB pen drives , it would take 156,000 pen drives . The brain has 10 billion neurons .

Such a powerful system is usually hacked by a wife in 30 seconds or less .

That is all I wanted you to know 😊



**DOCTORS ON STRIKE!
THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT CLEAR**



**This is pure speculation,
but I think somebody
came home early**



**When you forget to drink
your morning coffee**







Secrets to a long happy marriage



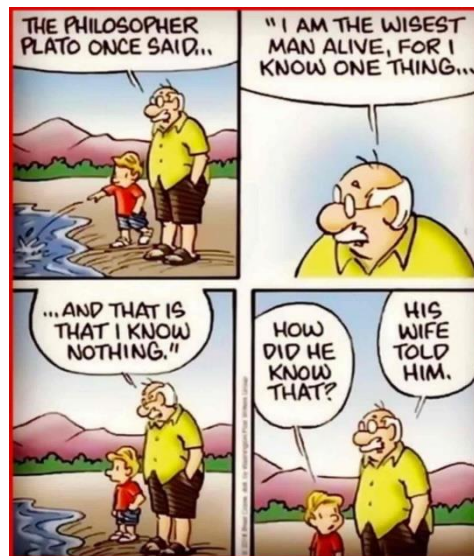
A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."



When Anais Bordier saw a YouTube video of Samantha Futerman, who looked exactly like her, she Facebook messaged her and discovered they were both adopted and born on the same day. They were identical twins, separated at birth, who'd found each other through happenstance and social media.

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Fact of Life:



After Monday and Tuesday... even the calendar says.

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High school reunion

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" You'll love this one.

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which

showed his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him,

however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"