

THUNDER ROAD, VOL 31
The Central Florida Thunderbird Club
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Mark your calendars for this upcoming event:

July 17 Thursday - Pebble Springs, 1-3pm, show cars, followed by the movie American Graffiti Popcorn and soft-serve ice cream available.

*****There is an attachment listing the Club Events through the end of the year.** Be sure to set these dates aside as most are very popular and sometimes are limited in attendance. All will need an RSVP to Ralph as the Event nears.

*****I received this note from Tom Zager.** Tom will be keeping the Website page up-to-date as he works through his medical procedures. Your payers and kind thoughts are appreciated.

Carole

June 6, 2025

Carol,

I received the card you sent me. I wish to thank you and our fellow club members for your kind thoughts.

I had informed Ralph that I would not be able to attend any of the summer club events, because of the CAR-T treatment I was about to undergo.

Unfortunately, a PET Scan revealed numerous masses associated with my Multiple Myeloma which has necessitated another treatment (TALVEY) before my oncologists can start the CAR-T treatment. This pushes back the completion of the CAR-T treatment into late October or November.

Both regimens prevent me from driving any car, including my T-Bird, so that I can only stare at my cars as they collect dust in the garage.

I look forward to the successful completion of the treatment, and being able to join you T-Birding, again.

Kind Regards,

Tom Zagar

*****On Monday, June 23, 24 members met at Culvers Restaurant**

to do some socializing and show off our Thunderbirds. The cars were all parked together in the parking lot where they could be admired by passers-by. But, as usual, Mother Nature had her say and within minutes of parking our cars we were subject to a rain storm. Larry (whose car is in the shop) arrived in his Thunderbird golf cart. Not a good time for riding in an open golf cart. Nothing left to do but to run for cover and go into Culvers and eat. It turned into a fun time being able to table-hop and talk to fellow members. Craig Cook ran out during a pause in the rain to get some pictures of the cars. Thank you, Craig.



Don, Marcie and Frank



Bill and Mary Pat



and Kelly



Ray and Nancy



Justine, Craig and Ingrid



Stewart, Greg and Jane



Larry drying out the TBird golf cart



*****WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER DAVID MEINZ.** David lives near the Orlando Airport. He is owner of a beautiful 2005 Inca Gold Thunder Bird. His home is filled with 1950s memorabilia and furnishings. David has written a book titled “10 Bonus Years” and does seminars, some in The Villages Learning Academy.





***Greg Nelson will be posting information in the Newsletter regarding our Thunderbirds, particularly the Retro Birds. Here is Retro Bird Corner #1

Dot Lang is the foremost authority on all things classic and retro Thunderbird. Please refer to her site, portholeauthority.com for any and all information regarding these Thunderbirds.

Regardless of the mileage on your car, if it's a twenty year car, the fluids should be changed by now. This includes brake fluid, power steering, transmission fluid, radiator coolant.

If you have the original spare tires (Goodyear), they have been known to explode so get a new one asap. Maxxis is the recommended replacement.

If you're in the market for regular (not spare) tires you should be buying 235/55/17, the original size intended for the car. This will also correct your speedometer (mileage).

If you have any questions ask Greg Nelson. His email is: gregcharlesnelson@gmail.com



*** We've lost a great member. Jeff Burgy passed away doing what he loved most – going to a Ford show and taking wonderful pictures.

Bill Long <tbirdbill@yahoo.com> wrote:

For all who remember him, Jeff Burgy passed away. He was at the Ford event in PA and had a stroke. He later died. He was an awesome picture taker and SUPER FORD Fan. Everything from Cobras, to Mustangs, Thunderbirds and the Retro Bird.

Great guy! Bill Long

Response from Ralph:

Jeff was on our board. He was an awesome photographer.
Even though handicapped, it never slowed him down.
He always found a way to prevail and succeed!
His knowledge & love of all Ford models will be missed.
He always made the extra effort to come to our March cruise-in
and other events.
Jeff will be truly missed.
God, keep Jeff in the palm of Your hand.

T- Bird Ralph

Keep Jeff and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
Carole Ferguson



That's it for now. Don't forget to let Ralph know if you are attending
the July 17th Event at Pebble Springs. See you there!