

Certainly was a real pleasure to have you
at Nags Head, and look forward to seeing
you at
future events !!

"You stick together and you work it out, and
that's what old automobile ownership is all about."

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Mid-Atlantic Region of the
Classic Thunderbird Club

AUGUST, 1968

Once again it is my annual pleasure to send you this little offering telling about our Regional activities, and also telling you about my participation in T-Bird events while attending Summer School at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

If "what is so rare as a day in June", and "nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina in the morning" could get together, it would really be something, wouldn't it?? Well, they did get together June 14-16, '68, at the Carolinian Hotel, Nags Head, North Carolina, when the rising sun found 12 fine T-Birds gleaming in the morning dew.

A luncheon, car judging, dinner, awards ceremony, and Sunday motorcade featuring the colors of the rainbow all helped to make it a memorable week-end for those in attendance:

- ✓ Maynard Eicher, 9503 Page Ave., Bethesda, Md., 20014
- Carroll Forehand, 303 Rockbridge Road, Portsmouth, VA., 23707
- ✓ Robert Gardner, 4640 Old Indianhead Rd., Cheltenham, Md., 20623
- Dennis Irlbeck, 2518 Cherokee Drive, Albany, Georgia, 31705
- Gerald K. Miller, 1024 North 10th St., Albemarle, N.C., 28001
- ✓ Margaret Mix, 12800 Meadowood Drive, Silver Spring, Md., 20904
- ✓ James Murphy, 801 North Pitt St., Alexandria, VA., 22314
- Luther P. Myers, Route 1, Box 76, Smithfield, VA., 23430
- Howard Overstreet, 9 Clover Street, Hampton, VA., 23369
- Dr. Eugene F. Poutasse, 2060 Hunters Trail, Norfolk, VA., 23518
- Ralph Sayre, 700 Rosser Avenue, Waynesboro, VA., 22980
- ✓ Peter Van Schuyler, 3301 Maywood Lane, Apt. 203, Suitland, Md., 20023
- Billy Walch, 916 McClain Drive, Lexington, KY., 40505
- Robert Rosson, 205 20th St., Virginia Beach, VA., 23451

As for the awards, Best '55 went to Dr. Eugene F. Poutasse; Best '56 went to Billy Walch; Best '57 went to Gerald Miller; and Best in Show (judge's choice) went to Peter Van Schuyler. 57

Our most competent and impartial judge again this year was Mr. Marvin Barrancy, Assistant Manager of the Pure Car Care Port, 7522 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA., 23505, phone: 703-583-4571.

At this point, I would like to put in a "plug" for the Pure Car Care Port by telling you about the service they render my three (3) cars.

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(1) My '65 Chevy Impala Super Sport, 327-300, 4-speed. This car has 70,000 miles on it, and gets electronic analysis every three months, and stays like a new car all the time. Name: "BOSS".

(2) My '48 Lincoln Continental Coupe, which I had the honor of acquiring last February from its previous owner of 16 years, the Ford dealer in Louisburg, N.C. The Pure Car Care Port took it over and put it in excellent condition. Name: "BLUE SHADOW".

(3) My '57 T-Bird, which I took out of two years' dead storage in March and turned over to the Pure Car Care Port. (In all cases, I give Pure a free hand to effect repairs as necessary with every confidence in the world that such will be done well and honestly). Name: "BIG T".

The key point about the Pure Car Care Port is the 118 electronic tests well administered that spot difficulties. I cannot recommend them too highly.

As for my activities this Summer, I can summarize:

JULY 3-4, '68: Attended meet of Iowa T-Bird Club, Clinton, Iowa, on banks of Mississippi River. Six cars present. We were in parade and on display in Riverfront Park.

JULY 11, '68: Attended regular monthly business meeting of Chicago T-Bird Club in member's home.

JULY 15, '68: In Concours d'Elegance, Murphy Ford, Chicago, on new car showroom, 20 cars present. I did not win a prize but the thrill of being there was very great--from dead storage in March to new car showroom in July, thanks to the Pure Car Care Port.

JULY 20-21, '68: Attended annual joint meet of the Wisconsin and Chicago T-Bird Clubs, Pioneer Inn, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. 17 cars present.

AUGUST 4, '68: In honor of the absent Lincoln, attended annual trophy meet of the Ill. Region of the Lincoln Continental Club near Chicago. 16 cars present.

AUGUST 17-18, '68: T-Bird in parade and on display, Logan County Fair, Bellefontaine, Ohio, on way home.

13 Birds present; 200 cars total; Billy Walsh there also!!

SO--there is plenty to do and a lot of fun waiting for you automotively if you just get out and participate. This old car thing is one of the fastest growing and most active hobbies in the country. There are activities of all kinds every week-end somewhere in the country.

I have a special address for T-Bird and Lincoln Continental sources, so I would like to share a few of them now:

The following Ford dealers ~~have~~ pay special attention to T-Bird parts orders:

Lakewood Ford 11000 West Colfax Ave. Lakewood, Colo. 80215 ATTN: Dick McBride, Parts Manager Phone: 303-237-2751	Mark Tuban Ford 111 El Camino Real Mountain View, Calif. 94040 Phone: 415-967-6185 (parts dept.)	Cook Ford, Inc. 16901 Mack Ave. Detroit, Mich. 48224 ATTN: Joe Galazzo, Parts Manager Phone: 313-885-4000
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If you run up against a "stone wall", we have a Parts Locator:

Mr. Larry Evenson
1024 Santa Cruz Drive
Pleasant Hill, Calif. 94523
Phone: 415-682-7618

If you are a "do-it-yourself" type, and need technical advice:

Paul J. Hudgins
4621 Paseo de las Tortugas
Torrance, Calif. 90505

Phone: 213-378-1709

(When it is midnight on the East Coast, it is 9PM in California. The long distance rates drop after midnight--you could call Mr. Hudgins at that time--I did one night and got my answer right away).

For T-Bird parts, you might contact the following also:

T-Boyd Products Lincoln Ave. Wildwood, New Jersey 08260 Phone: 609-522-6941 (for <u>hardtops</u> , also).	Bobby Gyuro 409 Vanderbilt St. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218 Phone: 212-436-7654 (after 6 PM).	Classic T-Bird Parts 1901 West LaVeta, Apt. 116 Orange, Calif. 92668 Phone: 714-639-1565
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Many of you inquire about hardtops. In addition to T-Boyd above:

Astro Fiberglass Co. Sales Dept. 1007 West Kirkwall Rd. Azusa, Calif. 91702 Phone: 213-334-2817	Parrish Plastics 1726 Norsen Drive Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216 Phone: 412-833-1755	Shell's 1452 2nd St. Santa Monica, Calif. 90401 Phone: 213-393-9840
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I would like to recommend the following magazines I have subscribed to in the past year as worthy of a car fan's attention:

Hemmings Motor News

P. O. Box 433
Quincy, Illinois 62301

It is devoted exclusively to ads for cars and parts, and includes listings of car shows around the country. It is an excellent place to advertise, with current circulation at over 37,000 copies a month; A year's subscription: \$1.50. (Can you beat that??). Sample Copy: \$.25. Issued every month.

Car Classics Magazine

6660 Reseda Blvd.
Reseda, California 91335

Devoted to excellent articles on and pictures of the great classic cars. Most of the cars are California cars, so nothing but the best are shown. A year's subscription: \$3.00 for six issues.

A true delight for those who love fine cars.

* * * * * **NEW CHAPTER FORMING!!** * * * * *

An organizational meeting will be held at Gene Zimmerman's Holiday West Motel, Harrisburg, Penna., Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22, 1968, for the purposes of forming a Chapter, organized under a Charter from the parent club, for our area.

For full ~~fixx~~ information, contact:

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Van Schuyler
3301 Maywood Lane, Apt. 203
Suitland, Maryland 20023
Phone: 301-423-3095

In the meantime, have you jointed our parent Club?????

Classic Thunderbird Club
90 Second Street
San Francisco, Calif. 94105

The up-Coming meet at Harrisburg will be run by Mr. and Mrs. Van Schuyler, but I hope to see "you all" there.

In the meantime, if I can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to write or phone.

With all best wishes for many happy miles of memories T-Birding, I remain,

Yours for the Club,

Bob Rosson
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