

# DAN'L BOONE REGION CAR CLUB



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## **PRESIDENT Randy Still's MESSAGE**

This issue of our newsletter is a combined two- month issue because with no car activities – I am low on anything to say that does not sound like whining. With most all car activities cancelled there is not a lot to say or report about.

Two major car events are on schedule to happen in modified form. The Greenbrier Concours will be held on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> in West Virginia. There will be no charge for admission and masks are required except when eating.

The Annual AACA National Meet in Hershey, PA will be held on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be 300 fewer vehicles with increased space between them. Awards will be distributed to owners on the show field and there will be no indoor activities, car corral, or flea market.

If our area Covid Virus numbers are not worse by September 13<sup>th</sup>, I would like to attempt a simple distanced gathering. Allandale Mansion will not allow groups of 50 or more to use their facilities under current guidelines – so we could not have staged the Allandale Car Show if we had wanted to do so.

My suggestion is this. Everyone buy your favorite fast food and meet at the picnic tables around the gazebo at Allandale on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. There

are about 40 tables available for us to use and to spread out for social distancing. Healthwise it would be safest if you sit with your own family unit. Since masks will have to be off for eating, we do not want our members shoulder to shoulder at tables. If we sit apart, do not share food eating utensils or drinks, the event should be a minimal risk. If it is raining at 1:30, we will postpone until 4:30 pm later that afternoon. We will have a brief business meeting and visit at a distance. Perhaps, I should bring my CD of the song by the group The Police entitled "Don't Stand So Close to Me" to remind us to maintain our distancing.

As we leave Allandale, I would like each member group to drive in front of the Mansion to take a photo of your group and your car in front of the Mansion. These will be our record of the 2020 ALLANDALE Members Only Meet. These are strange times and I am trying to be creative to safely adapt to our current situation. Please drive a Collector car if convenient but come unless you feel it is unsafe for you to do so.

Stay safe,

Randy

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**Dan'I Boone Region AACA Member Concerns:**

Paula Stauffer has a shoulder replacement surgery in Knoxville in August. She is back in the area staying with her daughter while she recuperates from the surgery.

Mike & Melissa McIntosh lost Mike's Mother, Kathleen Joyce Laws McIntosh on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Kathleen and her husband, Burnice, were active members of our region in its early years.

JoAnn Dingus, another previous member of our Region along with her husband Butch, passed in August as well.

Barbara Hughes lost a close cousin, Marie Winkle, in August due to Covid-19.

Frankie Lambert has lost 6 cousins since the last of January and none had Covid 19.

Don Wood's Father is doing well in his recovery.

## Thoughts from President Randy Still

### BIRD WATCHING

At a region meeting a year or so ago, I tried to cite an activity that I found boring and I made a poor choice by mentioning an activity dear to some of our member's hearts – bird watching. So here is penance (of a sort).

The first Bird that I remember is the 1955-57 Ford Thunderbird; it was born as a two seat roadster. This is the type bird that Howard and Pam Osborne had for many years and showed at AACA National Meets. Since this was the first generation of Ford Thunderbirds, it is appropriate

1. that these are known as the "Baby Bird", "Little Bird", or even "Early Bird".

The next generation of "Birds" was born in 1958 and continued through 1960. It was less sporty but more practical than the "Early Bird" and these birds became far larger flocks than their predecessor.. These were more angular than their older siblings and a bit boxy but good

2. and these became known as the "Square Bird".

In 1961 a new Bird arrived in showrooms that were a bit more aerodynamic and an inch longer than their older siblings. It is sleek and streamlined like a projectile and had an optional tonneau cover to hide the rear seats and give it the appearance of a two-seater. In keeping with

3. the Bird name, it had many jet aircraft styling elements. These are known as the "Bullet Bird" and were made until 1963.

The next bird on the scene came in 1964 and was a bit more formal and very stylish and

4. became known as the "Flair Bird".

In 1967 a new Bird was born that was a luxury car. Many new options appeared along with hide-away headlights in the beak and directionally sequential tail lights on the hind quarters.

5. This is known as the "Glamour Bird". Even a 4 door model was available with rear hinged rear doors. The 4-door landau of this series is my favorite. Yes, I know they are not particularly popular but a neighbor had one when I was in my teen years and I thought it was a very cool and stylish luxury car.

In 1972 the Bird shared the same frame with the Lincoln Continental Mark IV. It was still a luxury ride and grew even longer when 5-mph bumpers became required. Emissions standards slowed this bird's flight and though it does not live on Sesame Street, it became known as

6. "Big Bird".

7. The car industry put most cars including the Birds on a strict diet. The Bird now shared its chassis with the Torino. It was not quite as luxurious as its two immediate predecessors. In 1980 The Bird became far more squared off and flew on a Fox platform – now seating only 4 instead of 6 and became a bit stodgy and known as the “Boxy Bird”. These Birds didn’t fly too well with the public and their numbers dropped to half their previous sales levels.

By 1983 the Bird needed a facelift and that resulted in a sleeker and aerodynamic shape and the Birds even flew around Nascar Tracks. A turbo coupe was even offered for this “Aero Bird”. In 1989 the Bird grew a bit faster with more powerful engine options and though our Mopar

8. friends might object has been nicknamed the “Super Bird”. This basic body style continued until 1997 when the Bird became extinct.

9. With the retro craze of the early 2000’s, Ford decided to breathe new life into the Bird The re-introduced Bird went back to a two-seater coupe with many styling cues from the “Early Bird”. It had a removable hard top as well as a convertible top. The Simmerings and Mark Reasbeck both have Birds of this feather. These were produced until 2005 when there were no more new Birds.

Birds of all sorts bring fun to their owners and are well regarded in the collector car world.

Randy

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BABY BIRD, LITTLE BIRD or EARLY BIRD 1955-1957

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SQUARE BIRD 1958-1960

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BULLET BIRD 1961-1963

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FLAIR BIRD 1964-1966

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GLAMOUR BIRD 1967-1971

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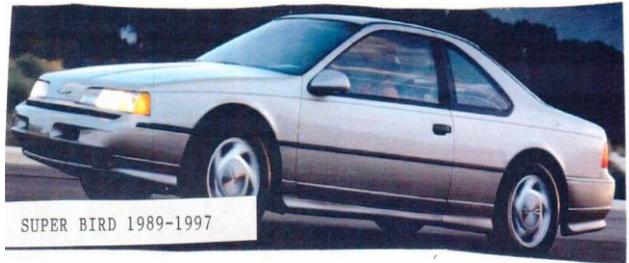
BOXY BIRD 1980-1982

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BIG BIRD 1972-1976

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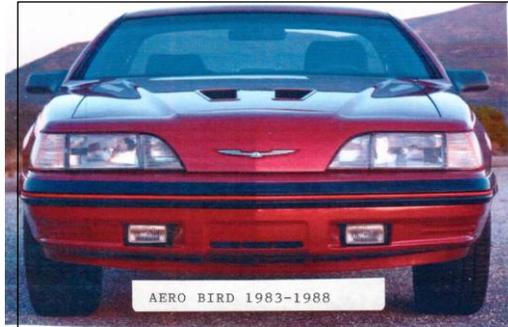


SUPER BIRD 1989-1997

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RETRO BIRD 2002 - 2005



AERO BIRD 1983-1988



TORINO BIRD 1977-1979



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Just to put you in the Holiday mood and looking ahead, the Dan'l Boone Region Car Club will be having a Christmas Party/dinner at the Crown Point Room of Food City on Eastman Road.



Menu for December 14, 2020 is listed below. The cost will be \$20. /per person payable by December 6. An address will be in a later newsletter for sending your payment.

Turkey and Dressing
Spiral Ham
Mac and Cheese
Green Bean Alondine
Mashed Potatoes
Rolls w/butter
Assorted Cake and Pies
Mixed Green Salad w/dressing
Tea and Lemonade, ice, sweetners

Date December 14, 2020  
6:00-9:00 P.M.  
Dinner Served 6:30 P.M.



### If 2020 Was a Car



**Stay safe, wear a mask and check on your friends and family.**

