



# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon

## Friday, June 5, 2026



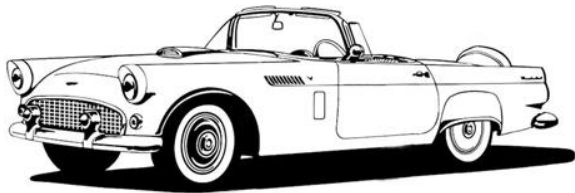
**Where:** The Kenwood by Senior Star – 16th Floor  
5435 Kenwood Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45227

**When:** 11:30am

**Cost:** FREE for OVEB Members

Please **RSVP** by email before May 11 to [RSVP-June@oveb.org](mailto:RSVP-June@oveb.org) to let us know you are coming. We need to provide a final headcount to the Kenwood kitchen staff to ensure that we have ample food and drink for everyone.

# It's our Golden Anniversary!



50 years ago, a group of like-minded car enthusiasts got together to form a club dedicated to celebrating the Classic Ford Thunderbird. The organization was incorporated in the state of Ohio as the Classic Thunderbird Club of Dayton in 1976. At the time, the first T-Birds were barely 20 years old yet had already achieved iconic status among the motoring public. Here is an excerpt from the original 1976 CTCD by-laws:

## **ARTICLE III: PURPOSE OF CLUB**

- a) To operate and maintain a local organization to encourage and promote admiration and ownership, care and maintenance, with safe and courteous operation of the "Classic Thunderbird", defined herein as a two-passenger 1955, 1956 and 1957 Ford Thunderbird automobile.
- b) To serve as a medium or exchange of ideas, information, and parts for admirers and owners of the Classic Thunderbird; to aid them in restoring and preserving these automobiles in their original likeness.
- c) To unite in a local organization all admirers and owners of these automobiles who are interested in restoring and maintaining them in a manner that will promote admiration and respect within the community.
- d) To provide a local organization as a basis for Club members to meet, socialize, and maintain the spirit of good fellowship, and to participate in activities including the use of their Classic Thunderbirds.
- e) To further the interests of owners and drivers of the Classic Thunderbird and to promote the safety and enjoyment of motoring in all phases.

Other than embracing a range of Thunderbirds beyond the 1955-57 models, the mission of the club remains unchanged today. Because the expanding membership included residents of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky as well as Dayton, the name of the organization was legally changed in 1996 to the Ohio Valley Early Birds. This *new* name better reflected the entire region served by the club. The fact that an organization serving a niche automobile marque has remained relevant for fifty years is a testament to the quality and dedication of its members and to the timeless appeal of the Ford Thunderbird.

# Let's Celebrate!



*Event Space on the 16th Floor of the Kenwood*

OVEB members are what make this club effective. You organize and lead our monthly meetings and plan our overnight excursions. Over the years, as we've gotten to know one another, our gatherings have become as much about spending time with friends as they are about driving and working on our cars.

This is the club's way of saying THANKS to YOU! We hope that ALL of our members will join us on June 5 for a nice buffet lunch in the party room high atop the Kenwood by Senior Star. We're doing this as a luncheon rather than dinner so that everyone will feel comfortable driving your classic car to the event (weather-permitting). Lunch, including beer and wine, will be provided to you at no charge, but please RSVP as soon as possible and absolutely before May 11.

Hopefully, some of our longer-term members will share some of their reminiscences about the early days of the club. We'll display highlights of past events on the televisions in the room to help jog your memories. Images of the 2010 Dayton CTCI Convention as well as other CTCI and ITC conventions and road trips will be included.

50 years is a big deal. Please join your friends on June 5th to celebrate the golden anniversary of the Ohio Valley Early Birds.

# About the Kenwood



*Just one of the spectacular views from the 16th floor of the Kenwood*

If you've ever wondered about the massive building perched high atop Kenwood Road that resembles a Las Vegas casino, this is your chance to see the inside. The Kenwood is actually a high-end senior living community located mid-way between Mariemont and Madeira. The large party room on the top floor of the building offers spectacular views of the surrounding area. The facility is not generally available to outside organizations. We were only able to secure this space because of the efforts and connections of one of our members. After lunch, you'll be invited to tour this amazing facility.

