



## Supercoupe Club of Western Canada

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### Coming Events

*Mark your calendars for these club events coming up soon soon!*

#### GOLDEN EARS BRIDGE TOUR Saturday, July 4

This Saturday July 4th is it! A last chance to drive the New Golden Ears bridge before the trolls, err, tolls take over.



The Cruise starts at the Colossus movie theatre parking lot in Langley. (200th and #1 Highway on the north side) where we will meet up at 10:30 a.m. From there we will depart on a cruise that takes us up and over the new bridge into Maple Ridge. (Be aware the police have been running intensive radar operations on the bridge since it opened.)



The cruise will wind its way into Agassiz to a super-secret location for a catered lunch. (*Don't worry you will not have to wear blindfolds for the last 5 km's to protect the location.*)

After lunch we will make our way over to the Agassiz Speedway to see some  $\frac{1}{4}$  oval racing action -- something I haven't seen since I was a kid back in the 'Peg.

This will be lots of fun so be sure to sign up on the message board <http://supercoupeclubofwesterncanada.yuku.com> so we know you are coming.

#### BC/ALBERTA MEET July 24-26 weekend

Here's your chance to join the club and bridge the Rockies once again to meet up with our members from next door. Get to meet those you know from the message boards by name only.

This event has always proved to be a great time.

Taking place in Salmon Arm in the beautiful Shushwap, it is centrally located for people from both provinces.

You must sign up on the message board as quick as possible to make this event happen. As of this writing we have only five confirmed attendees and a couple of 99% sure. It really requires more people to be a success!

The link to the board is <http://supercoupeclubofwesterncanada.yuku.com/topic/2101/t/BC-Alberta-Meet-Confirmed-Date.html>

**We look forward to seeing this one go ahead so don't be shy - Sign up as soon as you read this newsletter!**



## From the Driver's Seat

by Brad Fedoruk, President of SCCoWC

So as 2009 is half over, I came to the realization that this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Supercoupe and Cougar XR7! I don't know how I could have missed that - although it has been an incredibly busy year!

Here is a look back at some random facts from two decades ago on Motor Trends 1989 "Car of the Year" - the Thunderbird SC.

Initially introduced to the public on October 6th, 1987 the all-new T-Bird met with great acclaim throughout the automotive industry.

In their first year Ford produced 12,809 Supercoupes and 4463 Cougar XR7s.

Suggested factory sticker price was \$19,823 (USD.)

The 1989 Thunderbird platform development and redesign allegedly cost Ford Motor Company over 1 billion dollars!!!

Despite the widespread acceptance and public approval of the Thunderbird, Ford's top brass believed the car had missed some specific design targets, saying that it was too heavy and it cost too much!

Early Supercoupes were prone to crankshaft problems -- specifically those with the "duracast" crank (even brand new, these cars were breaking!)

The Supercoupe/XR7 motor entered production on January 30th, 1989 at Ford's plant in Essex, Ontario.

Hopefully a few of you members out there can come out and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Thunderbird SC!

Be sure to take a look at the calendar of events for all upcoming SCCoWC meets.

Brad Fedoruk

*(with references from www.sccoac.com and the Standard Catalogue of the Thunderbird - 1955-2004)*

### Happy Birthday to the Following Club Members:

#### JUNE

Morgan Brown  
Devlin Busch  
Robert Best  
Brian Hilstob  
Brent Peter  
Thomas Siry  
Sean Weijand  
Bill Pozmanský  
Jayson Rose



#### JULY

Pat Connelly  
Linda Fedoruk  
Preston Johnston  
Egor Rapaport  
Randy Turner  
Dan Clark

## Best of the Boards

For those who don't get a chance to visit the message boards, here is a collection of the best of the posts for the last month.

Arv has updated his Mustang restoration thread. Even though it isn't a bird it is generating some interest in the club and everyone is looking forward to seeing the completed car at a meet soon. Go Arv Go!

Unfortunately Andrew has been laid off at his Carpentry job but he has posted his contact info in case you are looking for some high quality carpentry work for a reasonable price.

There is a some good discussion going on about engine electronics compatibility between years that has some good info. Including a local source for rebuilt M90 Superchargers, so if your SC sounds like someone threw in a bag of marbles you might want to check that out.

Ofcourse there is lots more useful information on our forums, as well as on [www.sccoac.com](http://www.sccoac.com).



If you have any questions or comments regarding the club itself, the web site or the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact one of us with your thoughts. We are always open-minded to your thoughts.

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