

Tom Przedwojewski

North West District Advisor

It seems that Tom Przedwojewski has always been attracted to thunder. As a boy his dream was to fly airplanes and he was enamored with the P-47 Thunderbolt of WWII. He fulfilled his dream of flying airplanes (though not a Thunderbolt) and turned his avocation into his vocation. He flies around the world as a pilot with UPS, which gives him the time to bring thunder to his automotive side with two Thunderbird models; a 1964 Hardtop and 1968 ForDor.

Tom's first T-bird was a partially restored 1964 Hardtop that he bought in 1991 in Southern California. Unfortunately as a free-lance flight instructor he didn't have the time or money to bring that T-bird back to a great car. He had to sell it in 1994 to pay for advanced pilot ratings. But he always thought that he would get another one sometime and do it right.

That time was 2004 when he found a 1964 Hardtop in Washington State where he now lived with his wife Diane and two kids, Danielle and Joey. Through nine long years he restored the T-bird to its original condition and is enjoying driving it around town and with other members of the Northwest Vintage Thunderbird Club. In 2012 he started to rebuild a 1968 ForDor. Even though that one is not done yet, he bought a 1963 "Monaco" in need of restoration. No one ever claimed he was a smart man.

Diane and the kids tolerate Tom's attraction to the T-birds and the time he spends in the garage, with other T-birders and the early morning trips to the occasional show or swap meet. They have even been seen enjoying the ride when Tom talks them into taking a drive.

As if he doesn't have enough on his plate, Tom took over the presidency of the Northwest Vintage Thunderbird Club in 2012.

Oh, and if you happen to have a P-47 Thunderbolt, he'd be interested in talking to you.