

Michael Paul - ITC Secretary

My first experience with Thunderbirds came in 1974 when I bought a well-cared for, white 1963 hardtop. It was love at first sight as I slid into the driver's side red bucket seat. It was like climbing into the cockpit of a fighter jet. Since then I've had a 62, another 63, and an 82. I presently am blessed with Miss Lily: my 1959 and a 2003 Retro.

I'm originally from New England but Alabama has been my home since 1984. I love the South and I will be buried here. I've worked with fossil fuels most of my 68 years. I spent 18 years in the coal mines and retired after 22 years at an oil refinery but I get a kick out of telling people my first real job was Hostess Icing Machine Operator where I put the Squiggle on Hostess 516 cupcakes.

All that's behind me know. I'm retired and live in rural Alabama with my wonderful wife, Debra. Our two girls and their families live not far away. My oldest granddaughter keeps me company as we attend local car shows. God is good.

I'm honored and privileged to be your ITC Secretary but I really prefer drawings cartoons for the SCRIPT: proving that you don't have to be talented when you are in all probability, the world's only Thunderbird Cartoonist.