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Kimberly Strums 2004 Retro Thunderbird

My husband David bought me this 2004 Red T-bird for our Anniversary. I have always wanted a convertible and now we have one! I am one lucky girl and would like to thank my husband David for this very special gift. Thank you for being the man you are, kind, loyal, strong, and endless loving. I love you more than words can ever say, and I'll keep loving you for a lifetime



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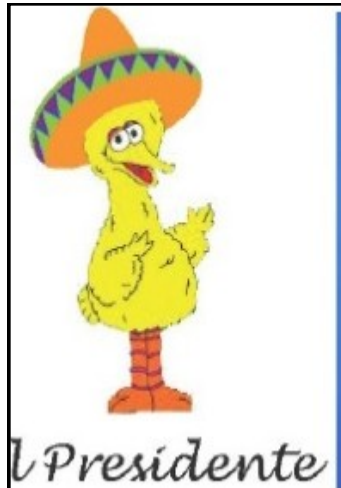
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A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2026 NEW YEAR

DUES ARE DUE IN DECEMBER

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OH WHAT A DAY @ Vandy PART II – November 2nd

A Visit to The “Brick” to Honor Ken Weinberg

This is a great time of year with the Holidays approaching, and spending time with family and friends, and just enjoying the ambience of this time of year, and for me being vertical and to be able to talk about it. As you read on you will see this issue is filled with all sorts of stuff. ‘New this,’ ‘old that’ ...read on and enjoy!

Dues Are Due

Your Club Dues is Due in December: This year you will not be receiving your renewal notice in the mail as we have done in the past. In order to save the club a few bucks your notice to pay your club dues is now. The number for 2026 is \$30.00. Remember you can donate additional monies to our charity fund, and feel free to do so.

Please make your check payable to the Long Island Thunderbird Club and mail it to me

Elliott Weiner

87 Ruth Street

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If everything remains the same, (like all your contact info) there is no need to fill out the club application and mail with your check. However, if something has changed, please note that with your check. A special thank you to John DePinto and Phil Melito who already have send me a check and paid their dues for 2026.

○ What a Day Vandy Part II

Sunday November 2nd Mustang Ford Show at The Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport: Weather was perfect with high fifties and no breeze to speak of. Almost a hundred vehicles on site and mostly Mustangs. No T Shirts this year or any perks I guess this event was put together last minute and thanks to Pat McNulty things went off without a hitch. For us Mr. and Mrs. Rosina and his/hers 1968 ½ Mustang Cobra Jet, The “Count” and his 87 Turbo Coupe, Mr. Kiely and his 05 Retro, and yours truly with Big Bird. Yes, you guessed it and we all won today. Paul, John, Billy (he finally broke the ice and his Bird looked amazing today) won in top forty and I received a specialty award for just being me. *(Only kidding about me.)*

For this year they had a white glove contest and the winner would get fifty bucks. Six cars chosen at random but all Mustangs. Paul was picked and came in fourth and it was hard to believe that there was any kind of dirt or grease in or around his car. The judge for the White Glove was John Ole-suk former President of the Shelby Mustang Club and one tough cookie when he judges your vehicle. The words are obsessive – compulsive he knew every crumb by its first name. There was fifty - fifty for cash but not sure what the amount was. Somebody won a large TV, and assorted raffle prizes.

Saving the best for last. Between Pat McNulty, the “Count” and myself spoke with Carol from Vandy that we would like to have an All-Thunderbird Show at the Vanderbilt next September, October, and November. This is just in its infant stage and we just want all of you to think about this during the winter. We will update every month. Remember this is not an All Ford Show it's a All-Thunderbird Show. I'm excited and so should you.

As we do every year at the Vanderbilt, we visit the “Brick” in honor of our good friend Ken Weinberg. We miss you Big Guy.

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Sunday May 17th Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Pizza Night

Gino's Restaurant Kings Park

Wednesday June 18th 6:pm RSVP

July & August TBA

Scheduled Indoor Meeting 2026 Thru March

LITC meets Wednesdays starting at 7 PM

Hauppauge Palace Diner

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Wednesday January 7th

Wednesday February 4th

Wednesday March 11th

Wednesday September 16th

Wednesday October 14th

Wednesday November 11th

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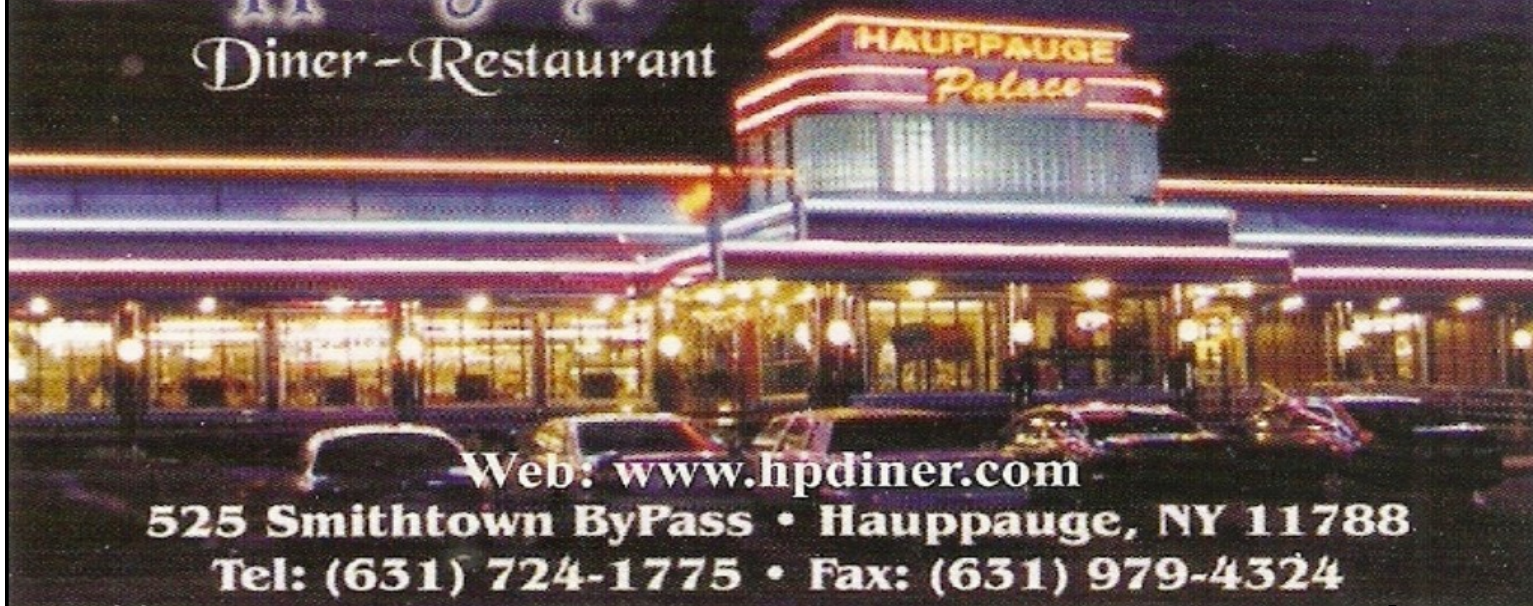
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Bald Hill Farmingville

Town of Oyster Bay - Main Street

TUESDAY

Patchogue - Mt Carmel Church 495 N Ocean Ave

WEDNESDAY

Village of Westbury Madison St parking field #4 5pm to 9pm

Shirley KFC - William Floyd Parkway

Sea Cliff Fire Dept Cruise Night Sea Cliff Ave & Main St starts June 13th
5:30 to 8:00pm \$5.00 car fee

King Kullen parking lot Jericho TPK Garden City evenings

THURSDAY

Milleridge Inn Restaurant Jericho Starts 3pm

Downtown Mineola Classic Motor Night Main St 6-9pm 7/7 thu 9/29

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Friday

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SATURDAY

Islip Town Hall 655 Main St Islip 5-9pm

McDonalds Sunrise Hwy West Islip

Event Schedule 2026

All dates to be updated when confirmed

Breakfast with "The Boss"

Saturday March 7th Hauppauge Palace diner

Easter Parade- Garden City-April 5th

Car's and Guitar's @ Miller Ale House Commack
Sunday April 26th

National Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 17th Keyfood Shopping Center Kings Park

Ford Nationals Carlisle, Pa. June 4- 6th

North Jersey Thunderbird Club Show June 20th Saturday

Cross Road Church 649 Franklin Ave Franklin Lakes New Jersey

ST Anthony Car Show Dix Hills Centurion Cruisers

Sunday June 21th 275 Wolf Hill Rd S Huntington

Collector Car Appreciation Day Friday, July 10th

Smithtown Rehab Center Wednesday August 10th 2-4pm

391 N Country Rd Smithtown Hours 2-4 pm

Mustang -Shelby Club -Bank of America paking lot East Islip

Pre Register Event

Sunday September Sat 6th—Rain Date Sun 13th

Must pre register

Sayville Ford All Ford Show

September 13th Sunday

Mustang-Shelby Club at the Vanderbilt Museum

November TBA

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Food &Toy Drive Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November TBA

Operation Enduring Caring Sunday November TBA

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What is your reason for joining _____ ?

Would you be willing to serve on any committees _____ ?

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Year _____ Model _____ Color _____

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Please enclose a color photo of your car (optional)

**Mail completed application
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New Member

Robert Fligel

New Member: Lets welcome Robert Fligel with his 2004 Retro from Larchmont N.Y. Interesting story, with Robert I was trolling through Facebook a few days ago and I saw a post about a guy with a Retro asking a question about tires. With my vast knowledge of rubber, I reached out to him and the rest is history.

The Scoop

VTCI Newsletter

In The Current Issue of Scoop The VTCI Newsletter: In the current issue of the VTCI bi monthly newsletter there is a group of pictures of LITC members and Birds on Thunderbird Appreciation Day on Sunday May 17th. It Shows Mr. Kiely and Mr. DeCuzzi and their Retro Birds plus pictures of the Birds on that day. A little late but what the heck all is good in Birdland

Front Cover

Front Cover: Kimberly Strum 2004 Retro Thunderbird As mentioned in last months Bird Talk that I met Kim and David and the Tanner Park Car Show in September. Nice people and she is excited about her Retro Bird

Operation Enduring Care

2025

Operation Enduring Care/Sunday November 9th/Walt Whitman High School: The club donated \$100.00 and for me some more jackets and stuff. The sun made a guest appearance and then hid for a while popping in and out at times. For today I was the Lone Ranger and no Tonto except for my buddy Rick Tierney who is not a club member. I arrived about 8:30 and stayed for a couple of hours and then homeward bound. Not as many cars because of the pending forecast but I would say close to (125) vehicles. However, Channel 12 news was there and on Monday the tenth of November you got a peek of Rick's car and Big Bird on TV.

Show Your Colors

Club Sweatshirts & Hats: Yes, it's been a while since we ordered club sweatshirts and hats but with fall around the corner this is a perfect opportunity to order one of each. They are light weight sweatshirts with our club logo on the left chest. The cost is \$30.00 and right now I do not need money, but I do need your sizes. **Call, email, or text me your size.** The color is ash which is a lighter grey, and the hats will most likely be black and adjustable and about \$18.00. If you would like a denim jacket with the club logo on the left chest that is a pre- order and I will need a check. If interested in any of the above, please contact me.

LITC Annual Board Meeting

LITC Annual Board Meeting/Saturday, November 8, 2025: The Board met on Saturday, November 8th for *breakfast* and *discussion* in regard to 2026. In attendance were John Bianco, Paul Rosina, John Karahalas, Matt Gullo (We also left an empty chair at the table for Ken) and yours truly. Our agenda was a little intense because of the potential Thunderbird Show at the Vanderbilt Museum next year. Saturday March 7th will be "Breakfast with Both Bosses" at the Hauppauge Palace Diner. Also, what to do for our July and August outdoor get togethers that's still up in the air. We have reached out to David Gomes from RJ Fregenti Insurance to be our speaker in January. We had breakfast and enjoyed the rest of the morning talking cars.

Be Safe and You're Welcome!

A message from John Bianco, Co-President:

I've been thinking about club membership in general and why I joined the L.I. Thunderbird Club ("the Club"), including what expectations I have as a member of the Club. For me, first and foremost I wanted to share my passion for perhaps one of the world's most legendary cars with other enthusiasts and for the camaraderie. I also wanted to have access to the whereabouts of local car shows. My expectation was to meet with other members of the Club, as well as other car clubs, and be surrounded by cars and their stories. What pleasantly surprised me was some of the friendships I have made and how great it is to bump into fellow members of the Club at car shows and local cars & coffee gatherings in western Nassau. Of course, I cannot forget how our membership and car shows have raised tens of thousands of dollars for Homes for Heroes. In essence, club membership has met and often exceeded my expectations.

What about you? What were some of your expectations with joining the Club? Has the Club met any of your expectations? Do you think the Club needs improvement? If so, what could the Club improve upon? It is always a challenge to reinvent the wheel, yet human nature has improved and continues to improve upon the wheel. Think about improvements made from the Baby Birds to the Aerobirds to the Retrobirds. Those took time and above all it was a collaboration of folks that made the improvements happen. It is our club and together we can make things happen.

Above all we appreciate your membership. We would like to try and keep your interest and participation in the Club. I know we have family, jobs, schedules to keep, or other limitations. Please let us know your responses to the questions in the previous paragraph; please email us at bigbird1900@aol.com and jake8687@verizon.net to let us know your thoughts and sentiments. Fun and good times are on the horizon.

Speaking of horizons, Wintertime is nigh, and for many of us it is time to put the Bird back in the cage and cover her up. We all have our own winterization rituals but here are some tips from Hagerty: https://www.hagerty.com/resources/car-maintenance/how-to-classic-car-winterization-and-storage?hashed_email=235ba8a4daf8c11d1cce6cc0450611416860d4fc82edefa024f6e43fcf5b17c3. My odd ritual includes parking my '87 Turbo Coupe over wooden boards to serve as a moisture barrier between the cement floor and the car.

The Chief (i.e., Elliott) has given word on the strong prospects for an all Thunderbird show at the Vanderbilt Museum next November. I know some of us were somewhat dismayed that there was no show this year, so with some help and guidance from Pat McNulty, our honorary member, things are happening – thanks Pat! What do you think for a name of the show: "Thunderbirds at the Vanderbilt"? Any suggestions? The Vanderbilt - what a venue! The rich histories of the Vanderbilts, Long Island Sound, and the Thunderbird – a trinity of beauty and intrigue. The Chief & I will keep you posted on the show as time progresses.

Ciao!

John Bianco aka The Count



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- Six Indoor Meetings
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- Tech Articles, and Advise All Year Long
- Parts Through Our Advertisers & Classifieds
- Special Bonding of Hobbyists with Common Goals
- All Thunderbird Show at the Vanderbilt Museum in 2026

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Don't forget if you wish to donate additional monies for Building Homes for Heroes just add that amount to your check and we thank you

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Winners from Sunday November 2nd at the Vanderbilt Museum



Here come the Judge White Glove Contest





Sunday November 2nd at the Vanderbilt Museum





Sunday November 2nd at the Vanderbilt Museum



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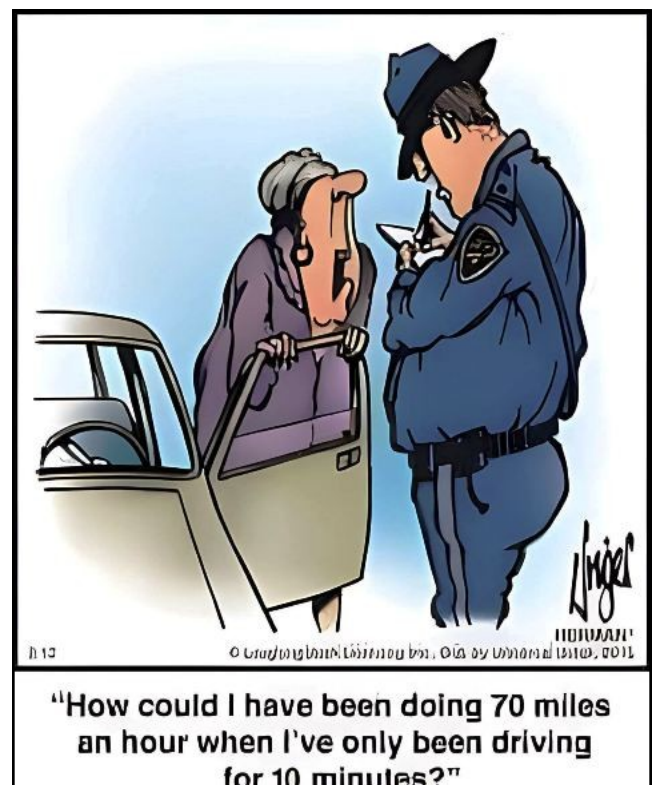
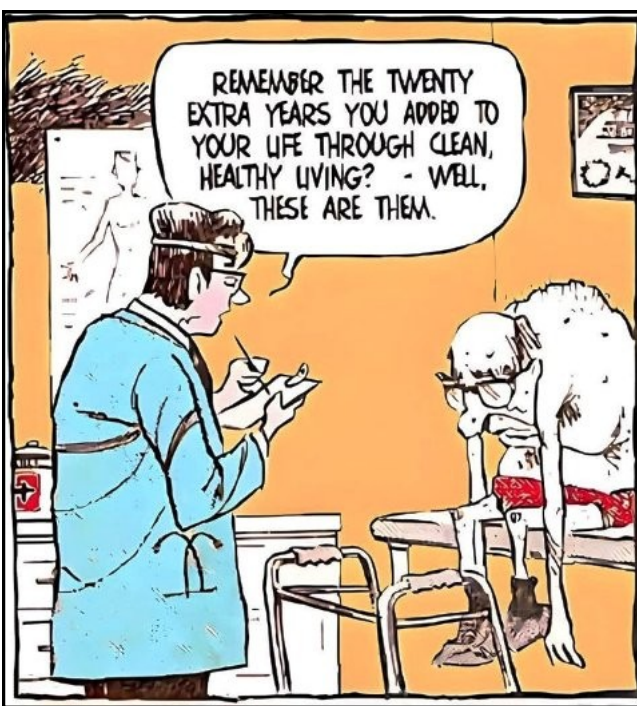
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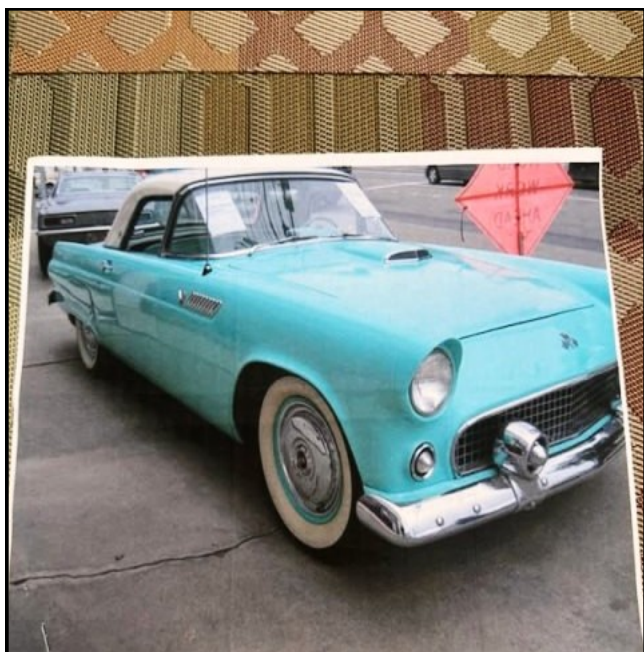
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