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Michael Biscardi 1955 Thunderbird

Michael Biscardi bought this 55 Thunderbird in October 2024. He had always wanted one and was very particular about what color and type he wanted. It had to be Teal with all the power options that were available that year. He found this one for sale in Indianapolis and it had it all. At the time he was on temporary duty for the New York Air National Guard in Wichita Falls, TX. After a virtual walk-around with the sales manager at Grand Rapids Auto of Indianapolis, he sent them a check and had it shipped to Auto Restorations of Long Island in Upton.

The undercarriage needed the most attention as rust had accumulated over years of sitting in a garage. It needed new bushings, tie rods shocks, and a battery, to name a few. There was also an oil leak, which is common in most old cars. "The body maintained most of its structural integrity over the years with some minor blemishes, but once she gets a fresh coat of paint, she'll be almost be ready for show."

Upon his return from training, Biscardi quickly joined the Long Island Thunderbird club. He is the third owner of this 70 year old American classic.



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Happy Easter & Passover
First Outdoor Meeting of 2025,
Wednesday, April 16th at Burger King in Farmingdale
Car & Guitars Sunday April 27th
Millers Ale House - Commack

Hi Everyone,

Hope all are well and safe. With April of 2025 just around the corner our first outdoor meeting is Wednesday April 16th at Burger King in Farmingdale and for the last eight years we have supported Cars and Guitars at Millers Ale House in Commack and this year the event is on Sunday April 27th. The flyer is in our extra pages for this edition of BT. Please try and be proactive with your e-mails and as we get closer to the event, I will e-mail everyone where we are meeting etc.

Wednesday April 16th @ Burger King

Burger King Wednesday April 16th / First Outdoor Meeting 2025: BK is at the intersection of Route 110 and Main Street in Farmingdale. Start time is about 6 PM and from the Southern State Parkway take Exit 32 North and when you exit the Parkway get over to your left immediately and make a left at the traffic light and after a very short distance you will see the entrance to BK on your right. If for some reason, (mainly the weather), cancels us it will move to the following Wednesday April 24th.

Cars & Guitars – Millers Ale House- Commack

Live Band

“No Latency”

Cars & Guitars Sunday April 27th / Millers Ale House Commack: We have been supporting this event since it started. This is a non-trophy event and we meet early on the 27th park at Millers and then off to the Diner which is a short distance away for breakfast. As we get closer, I will have more info for all. The flyer for this event is in our extra pages.

A Footnote to Sunday April 27th: Five events (so far) on this day. Cars & Guitars and Tobay Beach Car Show for the Town of Oyster Bay, Maples (who cares) GNYR AACA Car Show & Swap Meet in Williston Park and lastly Wheels for Warriors at the Outback Steak House in Commack. Let us analyze the day. If you need a trophy and want to go to a show with at least a thousand vehicles and wait hours to get in then it's Tobay. And what really is interesting is it's the third event. Don't get me wrong but the shows at the Outback is for a good cause and why hold it on the same day and only minutes from Millers.

Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday May 18th

Sunday May 18th/Thunderbird Appreciation Day: I may be a few months early to celebrate this event and no specific details as of yet. Rumor has it that my friends from Maryland and Pennsylvania are thinking of doing something in regards to apparel like T shirts etc. So in the extra pages of this edition of BT there is work that was created for the event. If this came to be are you interested in purchasing whatever is for sale thru me? Just reach out to me with your thoughts.

Ford Nationals June 6-8

Still Looking for a Partner to Ride Shotgun for the Above Dates

Ford Nationals Carlisle Pa June 6-8: If you are going to pre-register and they ask you what club please put in VTCI on the drop-down menu. Also, I'm still looking for someone to accompany me on those dates.

Rich Kamin

Rich Kamin/62 Thunderbird Roadster: LITC member Rich Kamin found a photo of a 62 Thunderbird with actor Andy Griffith on Andy's TV Show and shared the photo with us in our extra pages. We thank him for keeping an eye out for interesting stuff.

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LITC Scheduled Outdoor Meetings 2025

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Wednesday April 16th-Burger King Farmingdale

Sunday May 18th Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Wednesday June 18th 6:pm

Ginois Restaurant Kings Park Plaza

July TBA

August TBA

LITC Scheduled Indoor Meeting 2025 Thru March

LITC meets Wednesdays starting at 7 PM

Hauppauge Palace Diner

525 Smithtown By Pass See Ad Page 7

Wednesday January 8th

Wednesday February 5th

Wednesday March 12th

Wednesday September 17th

Wednesday October 15th

Wednesday November 12th

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Stop & Shop West Islip Union Blvd east of Higbe Lane

Main St East Rockaway @Villa Marcia Restaurant 6pm

Bald Hill Farmingville

Town of Oyster Bay - Main Street

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

Village of Lynbrook - Street Show (Atlantic Ave.)

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Town of Oyster Bay - Main Street

West Islip Villa Monaco Restaurant 778 Montauk Hwy 6pm Room for 150
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7130 or 631-661-3838

Friday

Bellmore train Station Lot Sunrise Hwy & Bellmore Ave Sponsored by
Town of Oyster Bay

Valley Stream Rockaway Ave Cruise Night 5/31 to 8,30 6-9pm

SATURDAY

Islip Town Hall 655 Main St Islip 5-9pm

McDonalds Sunrise Hwy West Islip

Event Schedule 2025

All dates to be updated when confirmed

Breakfast with "The Boss"

Saturday March 8th Hauppauge Palace diner

Easter Parade- Garden City--April 20th

Car's and Guitar's @ Miller Ale House Commack
Sunday April 27th

National Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 18th Keyfood Shopping Center Kings Park

Mustang Ford Show at Smithtown Ford

May 18th Sunday

Ford Nationals Carlisle, Pa. June 6th – 8th

North Jersey Thunderbird Club Show June 21th

Cross Road Church 649 Franklin Ave Franklin Lakes New Jersey

ST Anthony Car Show Dix Hills Centurion Cruisers

Sunday June 22nd 275 Wolf Hill Rd S Huntington

Collector Car Appreciation Day Friday, July 11th

Smithtown Rehab Center Wednesday August TBA

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 7th—Rain Date Sun 8th

Must pre register

Mustang-Shelby Club at the Vanderbilt Museum

October 26th Sunday

Must pre register

Food &Toy Drive Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November TBA

Operation Enduring Caring Sunday November 9th

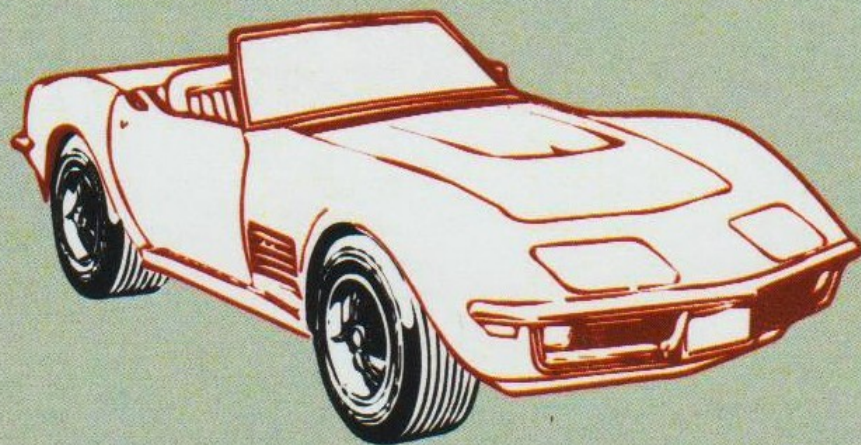
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Register your T-Bird under the **Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club** and join us at our tent for some "Bird Banter." Carlisle Events has some special activities to recognize this milestone. To receive a **20% discount**, register by January 2, 2025 at www.carlisleevents.com.

Long Island Thunderbirds
Membership/Renewal Application

Indoor meetings are held on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Renewal _____ New Member _____

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Birthday Month _____ First Name of Significant Other: _____

How did you hear about LITC _____ ?

What is your reason for joining _____ ?

Would you be willing to serve on any committees _____ ?

Car Info

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____

Please enclose a color photo of your car (optional)

**Mail completed application
and check payable to:**

Long Island T-Bird Club to:

Elliott Weiner

87 Ruth St

Smithtown, NY 11787

516-445-2630

Email: Bigbird1900@aol.com

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Tom Young

Tom Young and his 1975 Dodge Coronet Drag Car: Tom is one of my Thunderbird friends from Maryland and we have known each other for years. He recently just won a Prestige's award from the AACA for his 1975 Dodge Drag Car. His older brother bought it new in 1975 strictly to race. It has never been on the street other than moving it from a trailer to a racetrack or show field. His brother passed about 10-12 years ago and sat idle until Tom decided to restore it a few years ago. His hard work and perseverance have paid off. Photos of his car and Rosemary are in our extra pages of this edition of BT.

If Your Interested Department

If you're Interested Department: In Kissimmee Florida an Auction which ended on January 19th had total sales of 224 million and over 4,400 vehicles were sold. A 1971 Porsche 917K purchased by Solar Productions and driven by Steve McQueen in the film La Mans, was a no – sale at \$25 million. It is currently owned by comedian and Porsche collector Jerry Seinfeld, who ultimately declined the lucrative offer to part ways with the crown jewel of his collection.

My CD Collection

Still Available

My CD Collection: Without a doubt I have a large CD collection and right now I'm downsizing. What does that mean to you? It means free stuff. I think I have at least 300 plus with a couple of box sets. The only place I can play them is in my Jeep. I used to have a CD box in the Bird but that died two years ago. If you still play CD's in your vehicle, you would be interested in still having what I have. Please let me know. A really good example is a Garth Brooks and a Henry Mancini Box set that was never really used it. So if interested, contact me.

President's Council Car Club

Sunday February 23rd/The Annual President's Council Car Club Meeting: Every year it's the same story, but now this year things are changing: It used to be \$10.00 to the hosting club for food and miscellaneous, but now its \$30.00 for the same stale roll, plus \$10.00 to monitor their web site, and \$10.00 for insurance. I was not going to go and be a part of this group anymore because of all of the pissing and moaning that's been going on, but I bit the bullet and went. When I checked in I paid the \$10.00 for the food and this year as opposed to past years the bagels were fresh and so was the Danish. We will pay the \$30.00 (this case \$20.00) under protest and when I get more info from the powers to be to see if this council benefits us in anyway.

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President's Council Meeting #2 on Sunday March 9th: I'm trying not to be the eternal pessimist but, on this Sunday, I went to council #2 meeting in Pt. Jeff at the Moose Lodge. No food just coffee, tea and no outlay of any money. I stayed for about a half hour and listened to all the BS. Same BS but on a different day. Without having a show both councils really don't benefit us except maybe adding us to their list of clubs on their website.

Trophies & More Trophies

Trophies & More Trophies: On Thursday February 27th I donated (33) trophies to Hank from the Centurion Cruisers for their future charity shows and events. Some date back to day one when I started to show my car. So I'm moving on from the past.

VTCI CTCI Convention

VTCI/CTCI Convention/September 9-13 Grapevine, Texas: I just received an email from Robert McNeill President of the VTCI and as he does to continue to promote the VTCI convention in September. All information is in the extra pages of this edition of BT and will stay there until September. This looks like a great event and I would love to go but its way to far to drive 1 BIG BIRD.

The Top Ten Most Wanted

Saturday March 8th/Breakfast with the Boss: A nice turnout today for our annual "Breakfast with the Boss" John "The Count Demonay" Bianco, Matt Gullo, Rich Kamin, John Karahalas, Billy Kiely Jr, Ron Kohlmann, Mr. & Mrs. Rosina, Walter Stoeber, and yours truly. Matt and the Rosina's and myself brought our Thunderbirds. A sunny and windy day and Paul Showed us a promotional item that was given to you when you ordered a 2002 Retro from the dealer. Overall as I always say "Nobody got hurt and there were no injuries" To end the event Billy Kiely informed us that he bought a 51 Chevy that is faster than a speeding bullet. A picture is in our extra pages and why it's faster than that bullet.

Stick a Fork in You and Your Done

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Sunday March 8 "Breakfast with the Boss"



Michael Biscardi 1955 Thunderbird

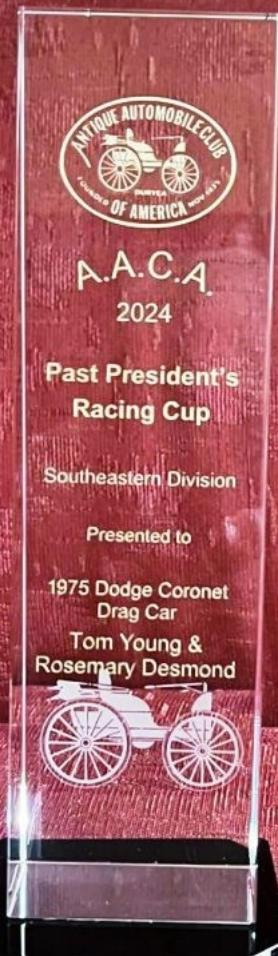


Billy Kielys 51 Chevy

454 cubic inch dual quad engine. Has a Mustang 2 front end and GM drag pack 12 bolt rear end. Front and rear coil over shocks. All new glass and boxes of new and used parts and just painted. Totally stripped painted root beer brown with gold metallic. The owner spent over 10K After a 5 year search Billy's brother Chris found this unfinished project car in Connecticut. Sadly the owner passed before finishing the car. We met Victoria & her nephew Steve and will keep them updated on the progress to complete her husbands dream car .



Yom Young & Wife with award for his 1975 Coronet Drag Car





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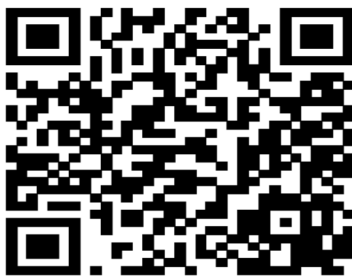


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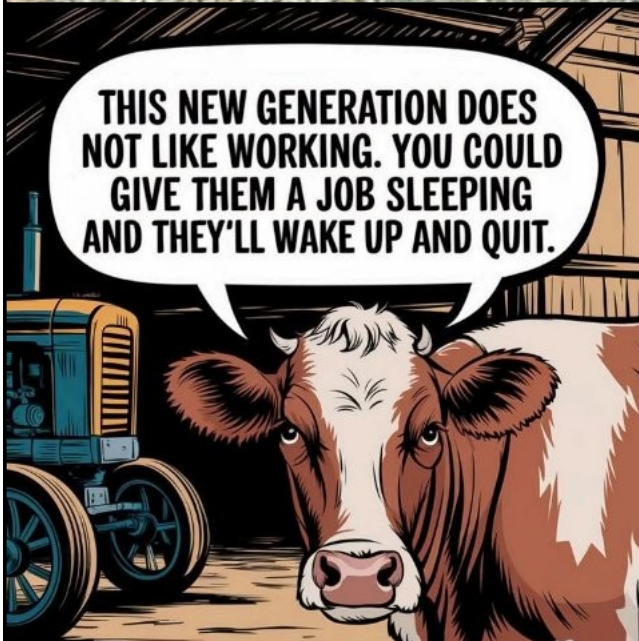
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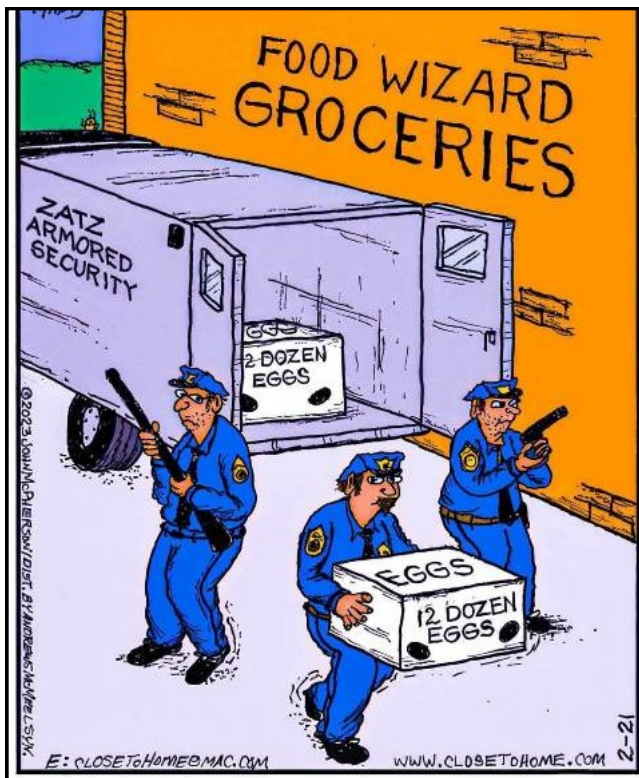
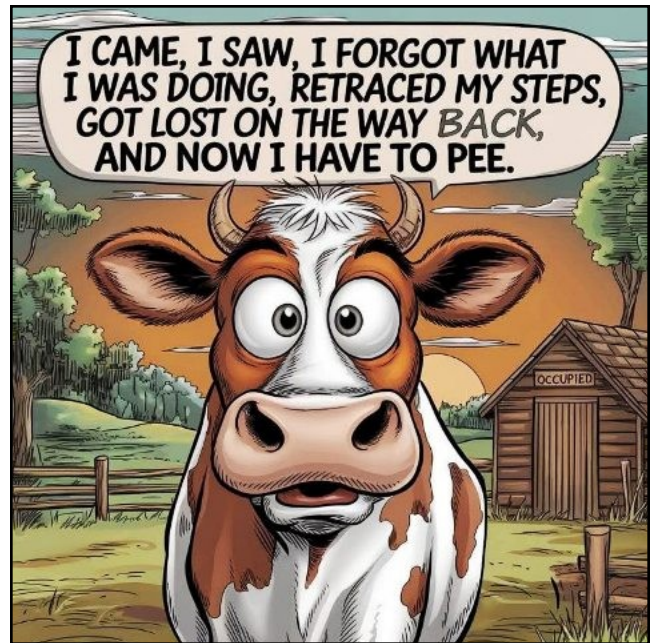
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