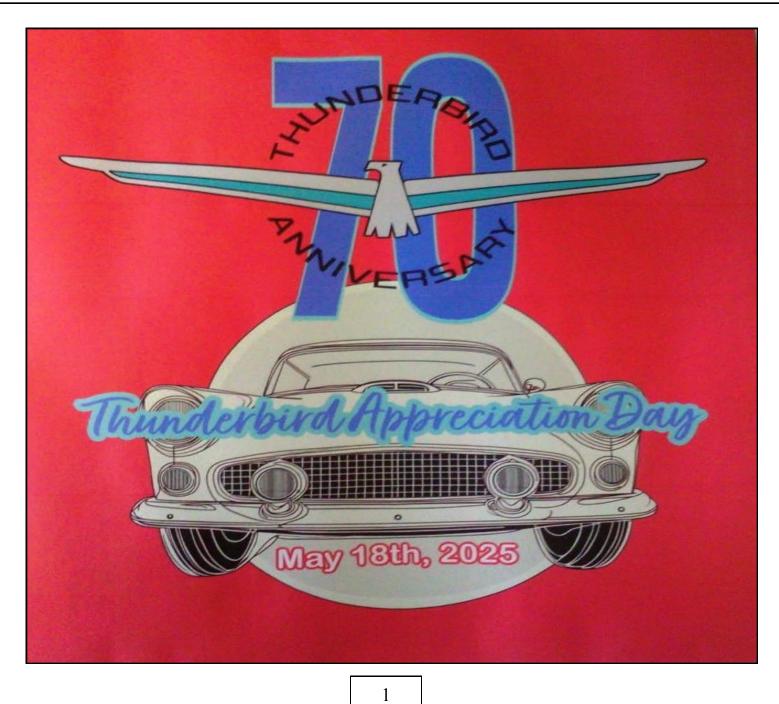


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This Month's Outdoor Meeting Sunday, May 18th

National Thunderbird Appreciation Day With T.O.N.Y
A Happy Easter & Passover

Thunderbird Appreciation Day

This is our ninth year celebrating National Thunderbird Appreciation Day, with T.O.N.Y. We will be at the Key Food Shopping Center in Kings Park on Sunday, May 18, 2025. Hours are from 10 AM to whatever. Come and go as you want. No trophies but a lot of conversation, pizza, and maybe some entertainment. Remember this is a NO trophy event and <u>bring your own drinks</u>. There will be giveaways from Building Homes for Heroes. Thanks to Carolyn Paszke. Hats, bracelets, cooler covers and if you remember in 2024, we had close to (25) Birds, and it was a great gettogether.

So, shine her or him up, make it pretty and see you on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

Just a heads up for the day the Professors Diner has closed.

Front Cover: Speaks for itself

All Thunderbird Show in Franklin Lakes

The New North Jersey Thunderbird Car Show/Saturday June 21 @ The Cross Road Church in Franklin Lake New Jersey: I have some great news. On Saturday June 21st there will be an all Thunderbird Show in Franklin Lakes. The flyer is in the extra pages of this Edition of Bird Talk. I have already pre-registered and cannot wait to see some of my good buddies from Jersey, and points east. I will have more info in our June edition of BT.

Revised Club Logo

Revised Club Logo: In the extra pages of this edition of BT you will a picture of one of the club sweatshirts that were ordered with the revised club logo. I think it looks great. As usual I only ordered what was ordered and I do not have an inventory of these items. If you're interested just contact me. The cost for the shirts is as follows: Medium to XL is \$26.00, XXL is \$28.00.

Yaphank Fire Department Thursday Cruise Night

Yaphank Fire Department Thursday Cruise Night: In the extra pages there is a flyer for this event, it's all good, plus food and bathrooms. A great venue for a weekly cruise event which starts in May

MSCLI Events

MSCLI/Calendar of Events: In the extra pages you will find a list of events for the Mustang Club. The only one that pertains to us is numbers 3, 4 & 5. As we get closer to those three numbers, I will have more information to share. One event which is not on the list is Sunday September 14th the Savville Ford All Ford Show.

Veterans Home @ Stony Brook Hospital

Saturday May 10th @ The Veterans Home at Stony Brook Hospital: Hours are 9:30 to 12:30 and it's a no trophy event. No entrance fee but they do supply soda and snacks. The flyer is in our extra pages with more info and directions. Come and support these Veterans.

April 16th @ BK

April 16th First Outdoor Meeting @ BK in Farmingdale: Pretty decent turnout considering the weather. We got to meet new member Stuart Gelberg and his 007 Retro Bird. I took some pictures of the troops which appear in our extra pages

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LITC Scheduled Outdoor Meetings 2025

(Rain dates one week later)

Wednesday April 16th-Burger King Farmingdale

Sunday May 18th Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Wednesday June 18th 6:pm

Gino's 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 September17th

Wednesday October 15th

Wednesday November 12th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

James D Clayton

Tony Coloneri

Frank DeCuzzi

Jimmy DeNunzio

Dennis Terrell





Cruise Listings

MONDAY

Autofest Cruise night 5;30-9pm Syosset VFW Hall 20 Queens St

Stop & Shop West Islip Union Blvd east of Highe 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.)

Kings Park Plaza, Kings Park Indian Head Rd (Key Food) Sponsored by Kings Park Chamber of Commerce Room for several hundred cars

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Yaphank Fire Dept Yaphank Thursday

Town of Oyster Bay - Main Street

West Isilp Villa Monaco Restaurant 778 Montauk Hwy 6pm Room for 150 cars food & facilities on site Long Island Road Gents-Ray Rendina 516-523-7130 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 Hauppage 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 20th 2-4pm

391 N Country Rd Smithtown Hours 2-4 pm

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

Pre Register Event

Sunday September Sat 7th—Rain Date Sun 8th

Must pre register

Sayville Ford All Ford Show

September 14th Sunday

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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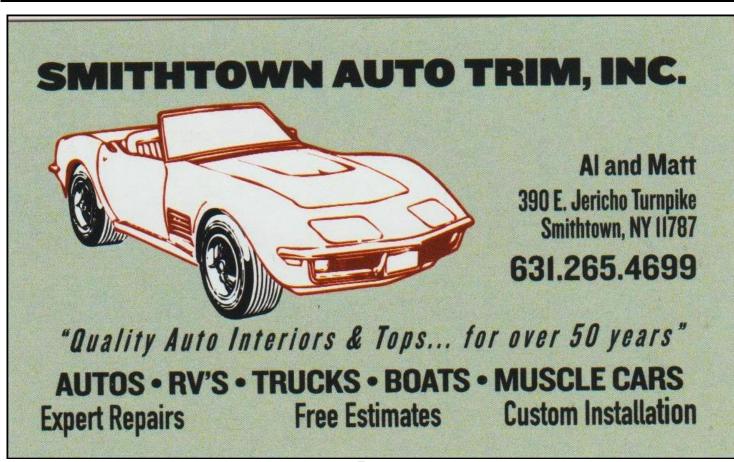
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Long Island Thunderbirds Membership/Renewal Application

New Member

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

Renewal

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A Day at the Sonic

Saturday April 19th TV Realty Show in East Meadow @ Sonic Drive In: A day at Sonic Drive In in East Meadow. So, I got this email that they are looking for six to eight out cars for Saturday April 19th telling me it was a reality show but in essence it was a commercial for Sonic with singing and dancing in the isles and an in person visit from Jimmy Fallon from NBC. An interesting event with no money for participating but they did feed us. Along for the ride was my partner in crime from TONY was Dennis Benfante. We both got to talk to Jimmy shook his hand and took some pictures. It was a nice day.

The theme for the day was to sample one of the two drinks that they were going to put on the market. First one was Crackle Icious which was Chocolate based and the second was Bourbon Carmel Cold Brew. We only sampled the Crackle it was loaded with sugar and by the time the second one appeared we were done. If you look at the picture of the stage you will see both drinks on the left and right of the stage.

New Member

New Member: Lets welcome Stuart Gelberg from Cold Spring Harbor with his 2003 007 Edition Retro Bird. Stuart will be on our front cover for June Bird Talk.

Looking Ahead To June

Looking Ahead to June: Our general meeting will be Wednesday June 18th at Gino's in Kings Park for <u>Pizza Night</u>, on us. Sunday June 1 Pt Jeff Ford Show hosted by the Mustang Club. Towards the end of the month, Saturday June 21st to be exact we have the New North Jersey Thunderbird Show in Franklin Lakes Jersey (I have already pre-registered) the Centurion Cruisers Show Sunday June 22nd at St Anthony's in Dix Hills All the flyers for all of the events are in the extra pages of this edition of BT.

Pyder Cup Pod Cast

Ryder Cup Pod Cast: For you golfers I have posted in the extra pages some information in regards to the pod cast. Four.....

Golden Quill Award 2024

2024 Golden Quill Award: As Art Fleming did last year and the year before and again that he came in the honorable mention class for 2024. For those who do not know what the award is, it is simple. We forward our club newsletter to Old Cars Weekly and they judge the content and then publish the results. Most of the newsletters they receive from other clubs are in color, professionally bound and look like a book from the local library. We are old school and because of our make- up we try to keep costs down so we continue in that format. It is not a bad thing and as you can see, we get the job done. Thanks to Art and efforts to keep our heads above the water line we continue to put out an excellent product.

Cars & Guitars Sunday April 27th

Cars and Guitars/Sunday April 27th at Millers Ale House in Commack: The game plan was simple I met Billy Kiely at 8 AM at the 7/11 on Vets Highway and we caravaned over to the event. We paid the \$20.00 entrance fee parked our cars and then off to the diner for breakfast. It was a full house and too many to vehicles to count. Met the boys from Kings Park, which I had not seen since our show from last October. It was good to see Larry Werkstel because we have been at odds for a few years. We shook hands and except for the windy day, had a good time, also, a thank you to Billy Kiely for breakfast.

Just Venting

Just Venting: We finished 2024 with an active roster of 57 club members, and that is the great news. But this year 2025 we lost 10 members due to nonpayment of dues. Of those 10 there where some that where long-time members., I guess they just decided that this club was not one of their priorities. For me, this is sad news for our club and not only the loss of these ten but it impacts our club budget. I did make some calls to see what was going on in their lives but then I gave up. No begging, etc. so stick a fork in me, I was done.

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DATE: May 18th Sunday

Thunderbird Appreciation Day

PLACE Keyfood Shopping Plaza Kings Park



LITC APRIL Meeting

Left to Right- Paul Rosina, Matt Gullo, Frank DeCuzzi, Walter Strober, Roger Stamile, New Member Stuart Gelberg



Felicia Rosina. Billy Rapell, Jeff Newman



Saturday April 19th TV Realty Show in East Meadow @ Sonic Drive In





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Cars and Guitars/Sunday April 27th at Millers Ale House in Commack







Cars and Guitars/Sunday April 27th at Millers Ale House in Commack







MSCLI 2025 Events as of April

1. Saturday April 26, 2025: MUSTANG DISPLAY at the STONY BROOK SPRING FESTIVAL – Stony Brook, NY.

Commemorating the introduction of the Mustang 60 years ago (at the NY World's Fair in 1964), the Mustang & Shelby Club of Long Island will display 1965-2025 Mustangs in conjunction with the Stony Brook Village "Spring Appreciation Day". All Stony Brook Village shops (111-149 Main St., Stony Brook, NY) will be open including restaurants, boutiques, the Long Island Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and a stunning array of Mustangs from 10AM-3PM. Free spectator admission. MSCLI Member Only Mustang Entry; 70 car limit (first 70 cars to pre-register). No entry fee, free admission to spectators. info@mscli.com or 631-371-1432 for more information

- 2. Friday May 23, 2025: MSCLI: Summer Begins Hampton Bays, NY
- What better way to start the summer than cruising in a posse of Mustangs to the Hamptons? Tiki Joe's Meschutt Beach (90 Bishop Place, Hampton Bays, NY 11946) is known for their beautiful beach, bar, and outdoor restaurant, live music and appreciation of classic cars (spectator parking to the right, classic cars to the left). Join MSCLI at this fantastic summer kickoff at 4PM from a South Shore location along Sunrise Highway to be announced, out to Meschutt Beach in Hampton Bays arriving by 5PM and partying all night long. Contact MSCLI Cruise Director Mike Farrell at info@mscli.com for more information after April 1 2024.
- 3. Sunday June 2, 2025: MSCLI PORT JEFFERSON FORD CAR SHOW Port Jefferson, NY. Sponsored by Ford of Port Jefferson, 4869 Nesconset Hwy, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776 (just west of Route 112 on Route 347), 9AM-3PM. Come and see some of the best Mustangs on Long Island at this judged car show. \$25 Show car entry fee; spectators free. All Mustangs and Fords welcome. Food on site, raffles & prizes plus a charitable donation make this a can't miss show. Contact Mike Laudonio at vp2@mscli.com for more information.
- 4. **Sunday September 7, 2025**: **4**TH **ANNUAL ALL FORD CHARITY CAR SHOW East Islip, NY.** Mustang and Ford Car Show sponsored by Newins Ford, held at the Bank of America parking lot 345 E Main St, East Islip, NY 11730, 9AM-3PM. This judged car show makes a donates proceeds to Tunnels to Towers and The Carroll Shelby Foundation. \$25 Show car entry fee; spectators free. All Mustangs and Fords welcome. Food on site, raffles & prizes. Contact Bob DiGiamo at info@carshowforcsf.com for more information.
- 5. Sunday November 2, 2025: MSCLI Mustangs at the Vanderbilt Car Show Centerport, NY. What better way to end the car show season than with 100 Mustangs and Fords at the beautiful Suffolk County Vanderbilt Mansion, 180 Little Neck Rd, Centerport, NY 11721 (just west of Route 112 on Route 347), 9AM-3PM. Come and see some of the best Mustangs on Long Island at this judged car show. \$30 Show car entry fee; spectators \$5 parking fee. All Mustangs and Fords welcome. Our award winning Food Trucks serving breakfast and lunch and MSCLI's famous raffles. A donation will be made to a Long Island Charity Contact Mike Laudonio at vp2@mscli.com for more information.

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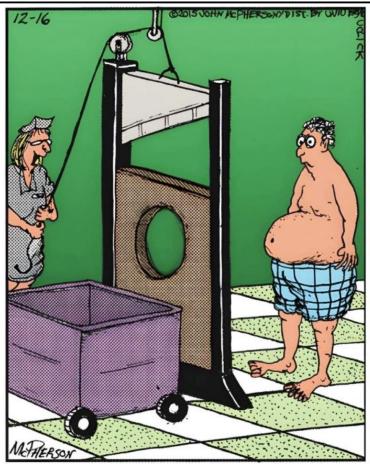
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