



Chapter of VTCI Publication of the LONG ISLAND THUNDERBIRD CLUB Silver Award 2023

MARCH 2025

Frank DeCuzzi 2004 Thunderbird

It was my birthday. What's a better present than a brand new 2004 T-bird. The car was in the showroom at Newins Ford Bay Shore. I had them take the car out to test drive and I was hooked. It has been garaged since day one, and although it hasn't come out much lately, I enjoy looking it at everyday, and doing car shows.



2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS– CLUB WEB SITE

longislandthunderbirds.godaddysites.com

President

Membership-Charity

Elliott Weiner

(631) 724-3756

bigbird1900@aol.com

Vice President

Technical Advisor

Paul Rosina

(516) 859-1653

fairbirdstang@yahoo.com

Editor in Chief

Art Fleming

(631) 314 -8683

flemingarthur@yahoo.com

Technical Advisor

Club Historian

Tony Coloneri

(516) 764-4731

elnoloc5@aol.com

Treasurer

Web Master

Advertising Director

John Bianco

(516) 524-6550

jake8687@verizon.net

Associate Editor

John Karahalis

(631) 979-0736

jkarahalis@optonline.net

Technical Advisor

Club Historian

Frank Del Rossi

(704) 483-9554

Fdelrossi1@aol.com

Facebook Advisor

Lexi Weinberg

(631) 805 -4367

alexisw3693@gmail.com



El Presidente

Shalom:

March is Detailing Month
March 12th
Hauppauge Palace Diner
Breakfast with the Boss
Saturday March 8th
With a New Location

Hope all are well and safe

Every year for the last hundred years I usually start off with our March Bird Talk and mention are annual show and what we have planned. Well good buddies, there is no Thunderbird and Ford show for us this year. Dennis Benfante and I have reached a point in our lives that we have run our show for the last 16 years and it's time for someone else mainly TONY to step up and do the right thing. However, from what I hear they are moving the event to the Walt Whitman Mall parking lot and it's not a charity show. So at this point in time it's all rumors and no real facts yet. The one thing I do know is that nobody from TONY has reached out to me or Dennis for help, guidance etc for the show. For years most of the pissing and moaning has come from TONY. Never happy with anything I did so now it's their turn. Will I support it? It's too early to address it.....

The above text which is my opening salvo for March and I always try to think positive. So looking forward to March 8th and see all the smiling faces and your Thunderbirds.

Breakfast with the Boss
New Location & Date Saturday March 8
Hauppauge Palace Diner
525 Smithtown Bypass

Breakfast with the Boss/Hauppauge Palace Diner/Saturday March 8th: This event has been an annual tradition for our club for many years and it's a great time to sit down with fellow club members, talk cars and have a freaking good time. We had to move the event to a Saturday because the diner on Sundays' could not accommodate us. Game time is 9 AM sharp and dress is casual. If Mother Nature cooperates, bring your Thunderbird. The Diner is located on Route 347 and Route 111 in Hauppauge. It's where we have our club indoor meetings. The reason for the change is that the South Bay Diner has closed their doors and is out of business.

New Member

New Member: Let's welcome new member Michael Biscardi from Manorville with his 1955 Thunderbird. Michael has sent me pictures of his car and hopefully he will be the cover story in April.

Front Cover

Front Cover: For this edition of Bird Talk we have Frank DeCuzzi's 2004 Retro Bird. Frank is a new members and the original owner of his Retro Thunderbird. Enjoy his text in regards to his Bird.

A Detail Geek's Guide to Microfiber Towels
From Hagerty's Drivers Club Newsletter

A Detail Geek's Guide to Microfiber Towels: Microfibers were invented by the Japanese textile company Toray in 1970, but the technology wasn't used for cleaning until the late 1980's. The key, as the name suggests, is in the fiber: Each strand is really tiny-100 times finer than human hair-which allows them to be packed densely on a towel. That creates a lot of surface area to absorb water and pick up dust and dirt. Plus, microfibers have a positive electric charge when dry (you might notice the static cling on your towels), which further helps the towel to pick up and hold dirt. "They tend to trap the dirt in but not allow it to re-scratch the finish," explains professional "Concours" detailer Tim McNair, who ditched old T-shirts and terry cloths for microfibers back in the 1990's. These days, the little towels are ubiquitous and relatively cheap, but in order to perform wonders consistently, they need to be treated with respect. Below, a miniature guide to microfibers.

1958-66 Thunderbirds
BIRD NEST



Looking for some new, used, NOS, or re-chromed parts for your 1958-66 Thunderbird? Look no further than the Bird Nest. With over 30,000 sq. ft. of space, we should have what you are looking for.

**Free, Full Color,
Expanded Parts Catalog**



Call 1-800-232-6378
or order on-line at
www.tbirdparts.com
for your free catalog.



1091 Willamette Falls Drive
West Linn, OR 97068

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

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

CLUB STORE

For Merchandise Call Elliott Weiner

(631) 724 - 3756

Denim Jackets - All Sizes - \$62

Pro Mesh Adjustable Hats - \$15

Short Sleeve Henley Shirts with Logo
Assorted Colors \$15.00

Ash colored Sweat Shirts Embroidered,
with Club Logo - 8oz - \$20.00

Club Pins - \$5.00

Club Masks \$10.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

Tom DeNunzio

Vince Famulari

Ed Mirabella

Paul Rosina

PAT WILSON'S

MANY NEW ITEMS!
(WE HAVE THE LITTLE STUFF, TOO)

Thunderbird

NEW • USED • REPRO • REBUILT **PARTS '58-'66**

Free Catalog &
Easy Category
Shopping - Visit
wilsonbird.com



Hours: M-F 9am-7pm EST • Sat 9am-3pm EST • Closed Sun

Information: (973) 579-7205

Orders Only: (888) 262-1153

24-Hour Fax (973) 579-2011

We Buy, Sell, Trade Parts, Trade Cars, and Part Out Many Cars

375 Rt. 94, Fredon Twp, NJ 07860

Email: info@wilsonbird.com • www.wilsonbird.com

Hauppauge Palace

Diner - Restaurant

Private Catering Rooms
Eat In - Take Out



Web: www.hpddiner.com

525 Smithtown ByPass • Hauppauge, NY 11788

Tel: (631) 724-1775 • Fax: (631) 979-4324

Cruise Listings

MONDAY

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

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.)

Kings Park Plaza, Kings Park Indian Head Rd (Key Food) Sponsored by
Kings Park Chamber of Commerce and Kevin Denis of Professor's Diner
Room for several hundred cars

Kings Park Plaza, Kings Park Indian Head Rd (Key Food) Sponsored by
Kings Park Chamber of Commerce and Kevin Denis of Professor's Diner
Room for several hundred cars All Welcome

Riverhead on the water front behind Main St weather permitting including
DJ & Refreshments

Glen Cove School St & Glen St Sponsored by Glen Cove Fire Dept \$5 Dona-
tion info Bob Citko 516-676-0366

Yaphank Fire Dept Yaphank Thursday

Town of Oyster Bay - Main Street

West Islip 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 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

ST Anthony Car Show Dix Hills Centurion Cruisers

Sunday June 29th 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 -Newins Ford a 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

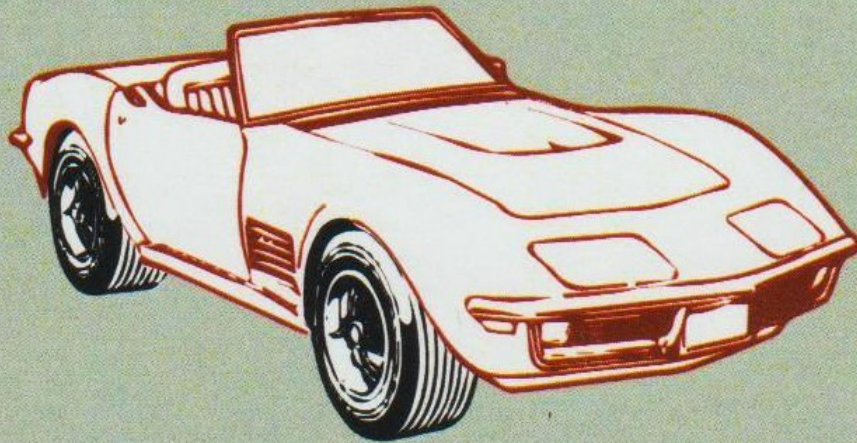
Buy & Sell

Parts for Sale: 1964-44 Ford Thunderbird, New Drivers Side quarter repair panel, motor, transmissions, fenders ,trunk lids, glass, interior, parts bought & sold. **Frank Del Rossi (704) 483-9554** 1965 Ford Thunderbird Special Edition Landau NOS Deluxe Spinner wheel covers (TWO) with Ford Boxes. \$400.00 Firm. Plus shipping.
Frank Del Rossi (704) 483-9554

Club Jackets Contact Elliott Wiener for details and orders



SMITHTOWN AUTO TRIM, INC.



Al and Matt
390 E. Jericho Turnpike
Smithtown, NY 11787
631.265.4699

"Quality Auto Interiors & Tops... for over 50 years"

AUTOS • RV'S • TRUCKS • BOATS • MUSCLE CARS
Expert Repairs Free Estimates Custom Installation



Join fellow VTCI members at the **Carlisle All-Ford Nationals, June 6-8, 2025**, for the **VTCI's Thunderbird Family Reunion**, hosted by the VTCI's local chapter, the **Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club (LVTC)** as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the T-Bird.



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 _____

Dues: \$30.00 (Jan 1st-Dec 31st)

****Voluntary Contribution to Club's Charity Fund: \$10__ \$15__ \$20__ Other \$__**

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

Fax Number/Other Phone () _____

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

Care for Your Towels

"They're just towels," you might say to yourself. But if you want them to last and retain their effectiveness, microfiber towels need more care than your shop rags:

Do: Keep your microfiber towels together in a clean storage space like a Rubbermaid container. They absorb dirt so readily that a carelessly stored one will be dirty before you use it.

Don't: Keep towels that are dropped on the ground. It's hard to get that gunk out and it will scratch your paint

Do: Re use your towels. "I have towels that have lasted 15 years," says McNair. That said, he recommends keeping track of how they're used. "I'll use a general-purpose microfiber to clean an interior or two, and I'll take them home and wash them. After about two, three washings, it starts to fade and get funky, and then that becomes the towel that does lower rockers. Then the lower rocker towel becomes the engine towel. After engines, it gets thrown away."

Don't: Wash your microfibers with scented detergent, which can damage the fibers and make them less effective at trapping dirt. *OxiClean* works great, according to McNair.

Do: Separate your microfibers from other laundry. "Make sure that you keep the really good stuff with the really good stuff and the filthy stuff with the filthy stuff" says McNair.

Do: Air-dry your towels. Heat from the dryer can damage the delicate fibers. If you're in a rush, use the dryer's lowest setting.

March 12th Annual Detail Club Meeting

March 12th Meeting at the Hauppauge Diner/Game Time is 7 PM: This year we will deal with a few items. Let's talk about clay baring your vehicle and ceramic coating. I will throw in a session on judging and what to look for when you go to a judge show.

Sunshine Lollipops Rainbows & Sweatshirts

Sunshine Lollipops Rainbows & Sweatshirts: I have had requests for club sweatshirts, hats etc. I do not inventory these items because of lack of room. However if you're interested in any of these items please contact me with your size and which one you want. I do not need money at this point in time

Ford Nationals – Carlisle PA

June 6 – June 8

Still Looking for a Partner

Ford Nationals in Carlisle Pa/June 6 – June 8: I have pre- registered but I'm still looking for a partner for the few days that I'm there. It's simple; we leave early on the 6th and return Sunday June 8th. We stay at the Holiday Inn in Carlisle and on Saturday June 7th we meet with my friends from Lehigh Valley and Maryland Thunderbird Clubs for dinner. We share the expenses and have a freaking good time. If you're interested in playing Tonto, now is the time to reach out to me.

Vintage Thunderbird Club International: This is my annual membership drive to get you to join our National Club of which we are a chapter. Not sure, but I think we have at least eight members of LITC who are members of VTCI. Their newsletter "Scoop" is outstanding with articles, tech tips, and many pictures of what's going on in our hobby. I have been to two National VTCI shows 2007 and 2019, both in New Jersey. Their annual dues are \$40.00 and it's worth every penny. The application to join is in our extra pages of this newsletter.

Sunday February 23rd President's Council Meeting: This year's annual council meeting was hosted by the Dix Hills FD in Dix Hills. I will report back in our April BT and tell where the bodies are buried.

First Outdoor Meeting

April Meeting Reminder/Burger King in Farmingdale: Remember: if our meeting on Wednesday April 16th gets canceled due to poor weather it will move to Wednesday April 23rd.

2025 Dues Are Due \$30.00 Show Me the Money

2025 Club Dues: It's simple - if you have not paid your 2025 club dues for this year, this will be your last newsletter. No reminders, begging etc.

...Buckle Up... be warm and safe... and 'you're welcome'.

WE WANT TO INSURE YOUR CLASSIC CAR...

Thunderbird



AND YOUR EVERYDAY CAR...



AND YOUR HOME AND BOAT!



OWN A BUSINESS? LET US INSURE YOUR BUSINESS!

**CALL RJ FREGENTI ASSOCIATES FOR ALL YOUR
INSURANCE NEEDS, INCLUDING LIFE & HEALTH**

**WE CAN ALSO HELP WITH PENSION DESIGN, ESTATE
PLANNING AND INVESTMENTS**

Call Bob Fregenti at 516-464-0480

350 Jericho Turnpike – Suite 200, Jericho, NY 11753

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE www.rjfassoc.com





L.I. THUNDERBIRD CLUB NEXT OUTDOOR MEETING

DATE: April 16th Wednesday

Rain date April 23rd

TIME 7:00pm

PLACE Burger King in Farmingdale



New • Used • Repos • Rebuilt Parts
and Service

PAT WILSON'S
Thunderbird
PARTS 58 - 66

375 Route 94
Fredon, New Jersey 07860
www.wilsonsbird.com

Toll Free Orders: 1-888-262-1153
Information: 973-579-7205
Fax: 973-579-2011

SAVE THE DATE

JOINT THUNDERBIRD CLUB EVENT

"Stronger Together '55-'05 in '25, Driving The Past Into The Future"



Don't Miss the
Mega-Event of
the year

HOTEL: EMBASSY SUITES – N.GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

Tours, speakers,
separate VTCI and
CTCI Concours
Judging

SEPTEMBER 09-13, 2025

HOSTED BY



**CLASSIC THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL (CTCI) and
VINTAGE THUNDERBIRD CLUB INTERNATIONAL (VTCI)**





Fire Chiefs Attie (25583)

100% positive · Seller's other items · Contact seller

US \$12.00

Condition: **New** ⓘ

Quantity: **Out of Stock** · 7 sold

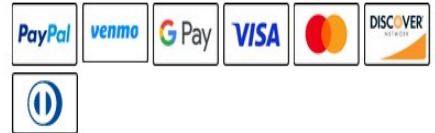
Shipping: **Free Economy Shipping**. [See details](#)

Located in: Hiawassee, Georgia, United States

Delivery: Estimated between **Thu, Jan 2** and **Mon, Jan 6** to 33991 ⓘ

Returns: 30 days returns. Buyer pays for return shipping. [See details](#)

Payments:



PayPal CREDIT

Special financing available. [See terms and apply now](#)

Earn up to 5x points when you use your



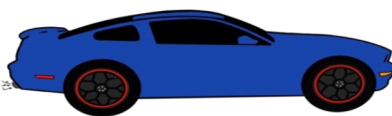
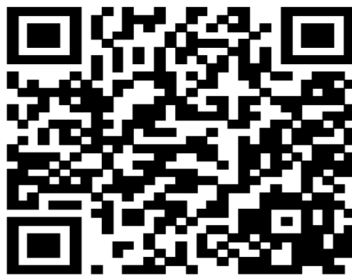
Have one to sell? [Sell now](#)

Chip and Leroy

For fun, entertaining, and sometimes informative car videos, subscribe to **Chip and Leroy** on YouTube!

Scan the QR code or click the link below to go to Chip and Leroy's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@chipandleroy2130>



The Classic Motorcar Connection

631-416-1446
Representing Sellers and Buyers of Fine Automobiles



Are you looking to sell your Classic or Special Interest Automobile?

I can achieve that goal. I will appraise the car, photograph it, and create an eye-catching listing which will be visible world-wide. I will show the car to qualified prospects, and close the sale.

Your treasured automobile will stay safe and sound with you during the entire process, so you can continue to enjoy it until it is time for it to go to its new home.

Are you looking to own and enjoy a Classic or Special Interest Automobile?

I will search for that special car, using all of my resources and contacts. I will inspect and appraise it or arrange to have it inspected by another professional. I will also negotiate the best price for it on your behalf. And, if needed, I will have it transported to your location.

Carl Michael Carilli

**Broker, Appraiser, and Locator of Fine Automobiles
Former president, Studebaker Drivers Club**

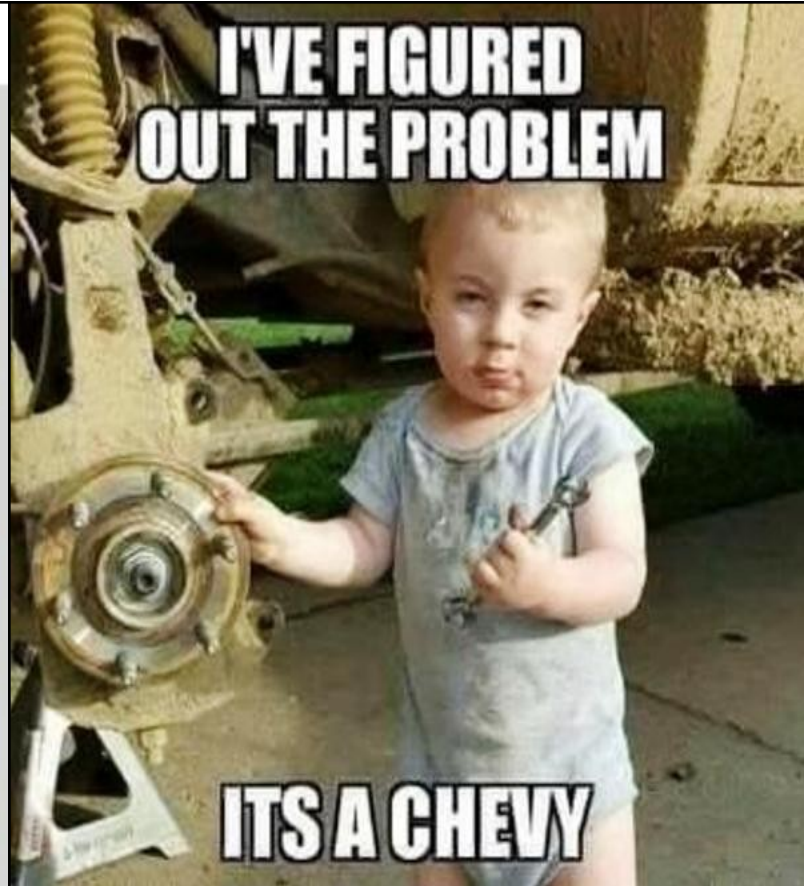
UP AT 5AM TO GO TO WORK



UP AT 5AM GETTING READY For A
CAR SHOW



**I'VE FIGURED
OUT THE PROBLEM**



IT'S A CHEVY



**PLEASE
BREAK THE
WINDOW** The
a/c is on but
she left
**TAYLOR
SWIFT**
playing on the
radio

**One minute you're
young and fun.
And the next,
you're turning
down the stereo in
your car to see
better.**



Vintage Thunderbird Club International



VTCI Membership Application Form

NAME: _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE / PROVINCE _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTRY: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

LIST NAME IN ROSTER? YES NO

LIST E-MAIL ADDRESS IN ROSTER? YES NO

LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES NO

PLEASE LIST THUNDERBIRD YOU OWN: _____

YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____

*Annual dues: \$40.00 United States and Canada, \$60.00 all other countries. Due the 31st of January each year. Canadian and overseas payment must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank

For NEW members only Send initial dues according to the month you join. You will then receive a renewal notice mailed with the November/December Scoop.

	US and Canada
January / February	\$40.00
March / April	\$35.00
May / June	\$30.00
July / August	\$25.00
September / October	\$55.00
November / December	\$50.00

All Other Countries
\$60.00
\$55.00
\$45.00
\$40.00
\$90.00 includes next year
\$80.00 includes next year



VISA / MasterCard (circle one)

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

(if different from above-please print) _____

Signature _____

Please make check payable & mail to:
Vintage Thunderbird Club International

P.O. Box 75308 Wichita, KS 67275

*Annual dues include a subscription to "Thunderbird Scoop" magazine.