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El Presidente

We Did It Once Again

We Support Enduring Care

November 10th

Walt Whitman High School

I'm Done, Stick a Fork in Me

This year our day started about 7 AM ish. Because of our new format we had to set up things differently but not a big deal. A little touch and go early in the AM because someone (*no names mentioned*) who could not keep his mouth shut and had nothing to do with the show but was really annoying, could have been the first person ever to get ejected from a car show. Eight shows that day and a lot of competition, but for us, 133 Ford vehicles on site. Our new format was Top 50, two Best in Show, so fifty two people won awards and two people went home with two BP cars for driving the longest distance to come to us. They were donated by Alan Leon. John Bianco won the 50/50 for \$450.00 and we gave BHFH \$3,400.00. More good news that Steve Schmidt and Charlie Eberts came from North Jersey with their Retro Birds and from Medford Massachusetts Wes Rosen came with his. It was just great to see those guys, and let us not forget John DePinto also from Jersey but a LITC member and Chuck Bucchioni from Connecticut (minus his Neman Marcus Thunderbird) stopped by to press the flesh. We knocked it out of the park and a special thank you to John Bianco and Billy Kiely Jr who helped with the parking. Our sponsors this year as in the past was Steve Siben of Siben & Siben and a new guy on the block, my next store neighbor Rob Lupinacci of White Wolf Cesspool. This year to save some bucks we judged for ourselves. The judging was soft to make life easier for all concerned. There were five judges. Pat McNulty who belongs to LITC and the Mustang Club, John Olesuk also from the Mustang Club from us was John Bianco also one of our own and from TONY was Stan Matuszwick, and John Cattonar. The three judges received specialty awards which was a plaque with all the graphics.

A footnote to the show: we have seen some quality vehicles through the 18 years of this show but this year the quality was outstanding. It was really tough picking the two Best in Show and Top 50 awards.

Pat McNulty

Pat McNulty: I want to talk or write about Pat. What a great job he did for the show. Let me explain Lucy. He did graphics for the last three years and this year he outdid himself. Since we changed the format he changed and coordinated Sunday morning the way we set up. Personally, he made my day a lot easier by telling me to sit and not run around. He has become a confidant to me and a good friend. As you can see there not enough adjectives to describe Mr. McNulty and we thank him.

Stick a Fork in Me I'm Done

For myself and Dennis Benfante from TONY, this our last Thunderbird Ford Show. I'm done and so is Dennis and it's been a great run and over the years. We have donated to BHFH close to \$30,000 bucks since the beginning of our relationship with the charity.

I have a feeling that TONY may take this over and really change things but not sure and I don't care. They have never been happy with me throughout the years with my choices of awards or whatever else I have been doing. Too much pissing and moaning for me plus I'm running out of gas. Need to nap more. It may appear on the surface that running a show is easy but it's not. Good luck to whoever takes this over but I will not be involved or support it. Love and kisses.

Front Cover says it all

Front Cover: On Friday October 11th Dennis Benfante and I visited BHFH in Island Park and presented them with a check for \$3,400, and in turn Carolyn Paszke presented us with a large facsimile of our check to show the world what we have accomplished. Since this is my last show we as a club will still be donating monies to BHFH during the upcoming year. This charity was brought to us by the late Ken Weinberg who did his homework and found out that most of the money that is donated goes where it is supposed to go. We met Melanie again and it was great to see all the troops. If anyone is still interested I still have a ton of hats and bracelets from them. So if you want one please reach out to me.

Numbers: Baby Birds from TONY were close to 20 and for the Big Birds from LITC, not sure when all the show sheets are available. I will have a better number and will publish them in December.

For Sale: At our show on the 6th a gentlemen approached me and wants to sell a brand new black hard top for a 2002 Retro Bird. The rack comes with it for \$1,000. If you're interested, contact Craig. His phone number is 516 924 1201

New Member

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Wednesday April 17th-Burger King Farmingdale

Sunday May 19th Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Wednesday June 12th 6:pm

Ginois Restaurant Kings Park Plaza

July TBA

August TBA

Our 18th Annual All Ford Car Show TBA

LITC Scheduled Indoor Meeting 2024 Thru March

LITC meets Wednesdays starting at 7 PM

Hauppauge Palace Diner

525 Smithtown By Pass See Ad Page 7

Wednesday January 10th

Wednesday February 7th

Wednesday March 13th

Wednesday September 18th

Wednesday October 16th

Wednesday November 13th

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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

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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 2024

All dates to be updated when confirmed

Breakfast with "The Boss"

Sunday March 3th Southbay Diner Lindenhurst

Easter Parade- Garden City-March 31th

Car's and Guitar's @ Miller Ale House Commack
Sunday April 21th

National Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 19th Keyfood Shopping Center Kings Park

Ford Nationals Carlisle, Pa. May 31th-June 2nd

Mustang Ford Show Pt Jefferson Ford June 9th

ST Anthony Car Show Dix Hills Centurion Cruisers

Sunday June 30th 275 Wolf Hill Rd S Huntington

Collector Car Appreciation Day Friday, July 12th

Air Power Museum July 13th Sat - Rain Date 20th Farmingdale

Smithtown Rehab Center Wednesday August 14th -Rain 21th

391 N Country Rd Smithtown Hours 2-4 pm

Sat Aug 3rd Rain date Aug 4th Vanderbilt

Brick unveiling for Ken Weinberg Centerport

Mustang -Shelby Newins Ford

Sunday September Sat 8th and you will have to pre- register
-Rain Date Sun 9th

Thunderbird/Ford Show

@ Keyfood Shopping Plaza Kings Park

Sunday October 6th - Rain Date 13th

Food &Toy Drive Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November 5th

Operation Enduring Caring Sunday November 12th

Buy & Sell

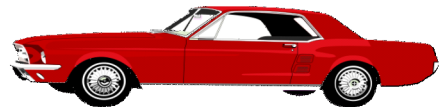
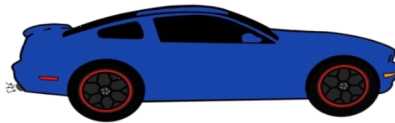
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Long Island Thunderbirds
Membership/Renewal Application

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

Renewal _____ New Member _____

Dues: \$29.00 (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



The Al Statton Memorial Operation Enduring Care Benefit Car Show



Hosted by the Centurion Cruisers Car Club and
American Legion Post 1244 Greenlawn

Remembering our Veterans

DATE **Sunday, November 10, 2024.** rain or shine

TIME **Starting at 9am until 2pm**

WHERE **Walt Whitman High School**

301 West Hills Road, Huntington Station, New York, 11746

\$20 donation per vehicle

Dash plaques to first 100 vehicles, Awards presented.

We are collecting donations to benefit in-patients and Community Living Centers at the Northport V.A. Hospital, United Beacon House shelter and other transition and rehabilitation programs.

ITEMS NEEDED: Men's & women's personal hygiene products including shaving cream, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, hand & body lotion, soap, nail care, etc...
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Sad News

Sad News: On Sunday October 6th Paul Rosina father passed away. I knew Charlie and He was one of the good guys. May he rest in peace.

New Member

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Volunteers

Our Volunteers: Only one tent this year but two tables. At my tent and table was John Karahalis and by the second table across from us were Dennis Benfante, Pat McNulty and Phil Borzumato.

Bob Marketta "Mr. Music" was at his best keeping the tunes going all day. Bob also helped with the parking of the cars as did Billy **Kiely Jr**, **John Bianco** **John Cattonor**, and **Stan Matusewicz** from **TONY and LITC**.

Did I miss anyone? Yes, the best for last. **Steve Siben one of our sponsors and as is Rob Lapanucci from White Wolf Cesspool**. Without their donation and big hearts there is a good chance we would not have had our show.

2025 Indoor Meetings: Just a heads up for next year. I will be visiting the Hauppauge Diner in November to reserve dates for 2025 in door meetings. Those dates and event calendar will be in our December issue of Bird Talk

Operation Enduring Care Sunday November 10, 2024

Sunday November 10th @ Walt Whitman High School for Operation Enduring Care: On page #9 of this newsletter is all the information you need to know to attend. We participated in this event last year and made a monastery donation to them we will be doing the same, this along with some miscellaneous stuff. You can participate by bringing what they need and money if you like. This is a rain and shine event and hope to see you there.

Some Club Stuff: At our last meeting Carl Carilli one of our new members and advertisers asked me why we don't have a **Holiday Party**. I explained that we did some years ago but then the interest died. So my question of the 2025 club season do we want to have a Holiday party say in January of 2025 and maybe a **Club Picnic** in 2025 Please let me know your thoughts

2025 Club Dues

2025 Club Dues: During the first week in December you will be receiving our annual dues renewal letter either by snail mail or electronically from me. Our dues are now \$30.00 and you could also still make a donation to BHFH if you like by adding some *gelt* to your check..

OUR NEXT CLUB FUNCTION & MEETING

Wednesday November 13th at the Hauppauge Palace Diner: The address is 525 Smithtown by Pass in Hauppauge. First pitch is at 7 PM.

Reminder

Reminder: Because of the Holidays in December there is no club meeting

BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

Ron Kohlmann with 1966 Thunderbird Convertible -Richie Herman with his 2021 Mach 1 from the Mustang Shelby Club of Long Island

LITC WINNERS ARE

John Candela-Jim & Tom DiNumzio-Rich Kamin-John Karahalis-Billy Kiely Jr

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TIME 7:00pm

PLACE Hauppauge Palace Diner

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John Candela-Billy Kiely Jr



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My Grandson Noah & My stepdaughter Keren - Billy Rappel



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