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El Presidente

It's 5 O'clock Every Where

From My Lips To Your Ears

Every year for the last 19 years there was always a push for pre-registration and getting our ducks in a row for our show in October. For me, there is a large hole somewhere but I'm coming to grips with the void and missing our annual time on Motor Mouth Radio with Dennis the Count, Ken, Chris and Ray. I'm trying to find the words that will get this club through some of the hurdles for this month and balance of the year. We have our regular club meeting on the 15th of this month and looking forward to good conversation and a little pissing and moaning on my part. So, saddle up and bring your "A" game to the October meeting.

From My Lips To Your Ears

On Thursday August 28th I received a text that the Thunderbird/Ford Show run by TONY in Kings Parks has been cancelled. It appears that they could not get enough people to help due to lack of interest on their club's part. Am I heartbroken? Not really, but right now there is a very large smile on my face. These guys thought it was a piece of cake to put this together and then reality set in. Through the years TONY were never happy at times to what I put on the table. Did not like the classes and we had a lot of them. Let's not forget the awards, especially the license plates. If you remember, one of their members won one and where not happy with them the club gave them a trophy at their next meeting. I feel bad for our charity because of lack of cash for them. But towards the end of the year, I think the club will make a donation. On the plus side, we did well. Close to \$30,000 to the charity over the years and we got to meet a lot of nice people.

From Our Co President John Bianco AKA The Count of De Monet

When Elliott asked me to consider succeeding him as president, I had reservations. One cannot over appreciate the time, effort, and heart that man has put into our club year after year. He has tact and patience. He knows many folks in the various clubs on Long Island, New Jersey, nationally, and parts unknown. I am relieved he will coach me over the next couple of years.

I am the caretaker of a 1987 Ford Thunderbird Turbo Coupe which I became the second owner eight years ago and have been in the LITC for the same amount of time. In our club I serve as Web Master, Treasurer, and Advertising Director. I work full-time in Lower Manhattan in the financial district. Being a CPA has afforded me a decent career, mostly in financial services working in various risk management functions for major financial firms. I hope to retire in two years, presuming the market does not take a crap or if there is another credit crisis – the storm clouds may be gathering. Retirement will afford me more time to partake in our monthly meetings and to learn Elliott's shtick. I look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you.

My Land Line **My Land Line:** Just a heads up that it is still down. No incoming or outgoing calls. If you need me, please call my cell.

Front Cover **Front Cover:** The picture speaks for itself. Let us never forget that day.

It's a BOY **A Baby Boy:** Congratulations to Jim DeNunzio Jr and his wife Jessie for the birth of their son Jonathan Peter in April. Pictures are in our extra pages. Interesting... in all the years that I have been writing my message I don't think I ever wrote a new member in our group. Remember that we are very old.

Magic Key Chain Man **Bill Rappel and his Magic Key Chains:** Well, we spotted Bill again on Facebook with his plethora of inventory. I think we need to get him a bigger vehicle or he has to down size a bit. See pictures in the extra pages. I think he is available for Weddings and Bar Mitzvahs.

The Arbors at Hauppauge

September 6th The Arbors at Hauppauge Assisted Living: On this date my friend Ish Costello invited me to attend his open house for veterans at the assisted living and show the troops some love. Figure a dozen cars including about six model A's, a 62 and 57 Chevy and whatever including Big Bird; Donuts early in the day and then a six-foot hero, salads and soda and water. Not bad for hanging out for a couple of hours. And it broke up the day talking cars.

Brightview Assisted Living/Sayville

September 13th Brightview Assisted Living/Sayville: Great weather with a Capital "W" In the house from LITC and not in alphabetical order. Walter Strober, Kurt Langer, Matt Gullo, Tom Doherty, John Guilano and riding shotgun was Darryl Dowers, Uncle Tony Coloneri, and yours truly and manning the gun turret. Plus riding shotgun in Big Bird was John Karahalas. Figure a dozen cars total, with TONY being there bring up the rear. Only two hours this year but on the plus side there was breakfast scramble eggs, crispy bacon (I can still smell it), potatoes bagels and fluids. If we return next year, they will have a barbeque for us for lunch. A big Thank You! to all LITC members who showed up.

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Wednesday April 16th-Burger King Farmingdale

Sunday May 18th Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Wednesday June 18th 6:pm

Gino's Restaurant Kings Park Plaza

July 16th Wednesday 6pm

Buffalo Wild Wings Farmingdale

August

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

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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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Friday

Bellmore train Station Lot Sunrise Hwy & Bellmore Ave Sponsored by
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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

Wantagh Historical Society August 2nd

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 Islip

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

November 2nd Sunday

Must pre register

Food &Toy Drive Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November TBA

Operation Enduring Caring Sunday November 9th

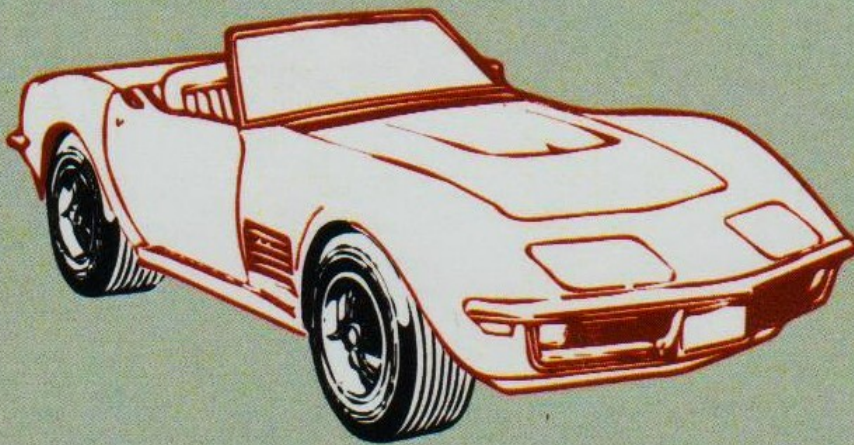
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City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

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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

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Smithtown, NY 11787

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Email: Bigbird1900@aol.com

VTCT Membership Application Form

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LIST TELEPHONE IN ROSTER? YES ☐ NO ☐

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All Ford Show in East Islip

September 14th East Islip All Ford Show: Excellent turnout considering it was a rain date. For us in no alphabetical order Roger Stamile who placed third, John Bianco who placed second and was hurting all day with his back, Billy Kiely, Tom Doherty. John Candela and his Bird would not start today. Dennis Terrell making a guest appearance, and yours truly. Mr. Siben was in the house with his four cars and one was a rare beast. It is a 2004 Avanti with only over 100 miles on it with a Kuwait license plate. I took some pictures of the car which will appear in our extra pages. Lastly a women approached early in the day and she has two 1968 Thunderbirds she would like to sell or whatever. I have her contact info and will try and catch up shortly to see them and take some pics and get some more info on what she wants to do with them. The best part of the day was seeing Kojak working his magic with his tunes, and dialogue. "Who loves ya baby." You know what I always say "no injuries and nobody got hurt"

A Footnote to the Show and into Next Year: Rick Zappia, one of the guys who ran this year's show called me. Next, year they want to give us our own class providing we pre-register a dozen Thunderbirds. This is in its early stages and this is all the info I have. Next year's show will be the second Sunday in September.

One Million Thunderbird

One Million Thunderbird: In July of 2012 I was at an ITC Convention in Delaware and I saw the One Million Thunderbird in Person. It's a 1972 Thunderbird and it needed a bath and needed to be detailed. And in the extra pages of this edition of BT you will see a group of pictures. These pictures make this Bird something special and in good shape However, the gentleman who owed it never really took care of it and that is another story. He tried to sell it years ago and was asking an outrageous number and nobody would touch it so he finally gave it to a museum. There are many stories that go along with this car but we really don't have time to beat this up. Maybe another day.

NSSA Car Show

Nassau Suffolk Services Autism Car Show/Sunday September 28th at 80 Hauppauge Road Commack: This event is being run by the Centurion Cruisers and the cost is \$20.00. Limited space so come early and maybe you will win a trophy.

Third Annual Charitable Car Show

Car Show in Fairfield New Jersey Saturday September 27th: Flyer is in our extra pages. I'm thinking about it. The trip is about 70 miles from my home off Route 23 South in Jersey. Easy run but tough coming back

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Vanderbilt All Ford Show

Vanderbilt Mustang Ford Show Sunday November 2nd: This is a heads up for Sunday November 2nd at the Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport. Pat McNulty informs me that only one hundred vehicles will be allowed in and all have to be pre -registered. The form to register was emailed to you on Friday September 19th so please take advantage of it. I know, I'm going and this will most likely be the last show of the year.

Next Club Meeting

Next Club Meeting: Wednesday October 14th at the Hauppauge Palace Diner with a 7 PM start. Just a heads up for this meeting and our future get togethers' at the dinner. We get the space because we order food. Just plan you evening by dining with the club.

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PLACE Hauppauge Palace Diner

TIME : 7:00pm

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Bill Rapell key chain display



All Ford Show East Islip

Kojak was in the house



Roger Stamiles 1964 Thunderbird



Billy Kiely 2005 Thunderbird



All Ford Show East Islip

John Bianco's 1987 and Big Bird



Tom Doherty's Mercury



All Ford Show

Steve Siben 2004 Avanti



All Ford Show East Islip

John Bianco - Billy Kiely - Roger Stamile



Steve Sibrn's 57 Thunderbird and #9



Steve Siben's Edsel Convertible



Brightview on Saturday the 13th



Brightview on Saturday the 13th



The 1972 One Million Thunderbird



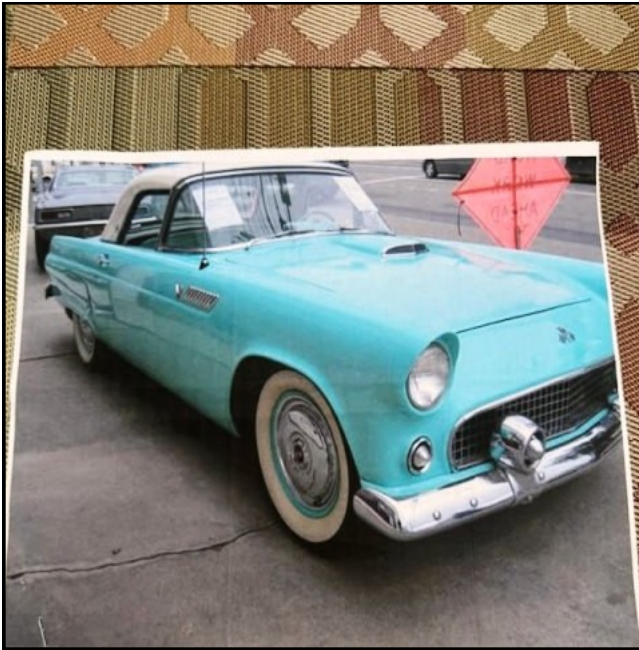
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