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SEASON'S GREETINGS

A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2025 NEW YEAR

DUES ARE DUE IN DECEMBER

OH WHAT A DAY – October 27th

This is a great time of year with the Holidays approaching, and spending time with family and friends, and just enjoying the ambience of this time of year, and for me being vertical and to be able to talk about it. As you read on you will see this issue is filled with all sorts of stuff. 'New this,' 'old that' ...read on and enjoy!

Dues Are Due

Your Club Dues is Due in December: This year you will not be receiving your renewal notice in the mail. In order to save the club a few bucks your notice to pay your club dues is now. The new number for 2025 is **\$30.00** an increase of \$1.00. Remember you can donate additional monies to our charity fund, and feel free to do so.

Please make your check payable to the Long Island Thunderbird Club and mail it to me

Elliott Weiner

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If everything remains the same, (like all your contact info) there is no need to fill out the club application and mail with your check. However, if something has changed please note that with your check. A special thank you to Mike Greenberg and Phil Melito who already have send me a check and paid their dues for 2025.

○ What a Day

Sunday October 27th Mustang Ford Show at The Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport: Was it a good day? You can bet your bippy or your Funk and Wangle. We met at 8 AM and from that time till they let us in at 9 AM it was chilly but then Mother Nature went soft on us and for the rest of the event the weather was great!

Where do I start? In attendance from LITC were John & Gloria Bianco, Billy & Kathy Kiely, Johanna Fig & Adolph Molta, Paul & Felicia Rosina and yours truly. As reported by Pat McNulty 110 vehicles, mostly Mustangs, throw in a Pinto or two and us. And we nailed it. Paul & Felicia with their 1968 ½ Mustang won Best in Show Mustang and John & Gloria won Best in Show non Mustang with his 1987 Turbo Coupe and for Big Bird won one of the Top 40 awards.

Somebody won \$538.00 in the fifty- fifty and almost thirty non cash raffles prizes plus a fifty five inch TV. The view of the harbor was fantastic as is the Museum. It was a long day but a lot of conversation with people looking at all the cars. Overall, as I always say "*No injuries and nobody was hurt*"

Operation Enduring Care

Operation Enduring Care/Sunday November 10th/Walt Whitman High School: The club donated \$100.00 and for me some more jackets shoes and stuff. A little chilly early but then it became comfortable. Hanging with me for most of the morning was Billy Kiely Jr and his 05 Retro. Billy also donated some toiletries. We had a surprise guest in Mrs. Weinberg and Zoe. Mrs. W is one of the special people in this world and it was always great to see her and the pooch. We stayed till a little after noon because the sun was doing a disappearing act. Charlie Armstrong informed me later in the day by text that they had (201) vehicles and raised about seventy five hundred dollars!

As a footnote, for the above I received a thank you letter from Charlie and if all goes well it will be in the extra pages of our newsletter.

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Wednesday April 16th-Burger King Farmingdale

Sunday May 21th 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

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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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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"

Sunday March 2nd Southbay Diner Lindenhurst

Easter Parade- Garden City--April 20th

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

National Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 18th Keyfood Shopping Center Kings Park

Ford Nationals Carlisle, Pa. May 29THth-June 1st

Mustang Ford Show Pt Jefferson Ford June TBA

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 Newins Ford

Sunday September Sat 6th

and you will have to pre- register -Rain Date Sun 7th

Food &Toy Drive Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November TBA

Operation Enduring Caring Sunday November 9th

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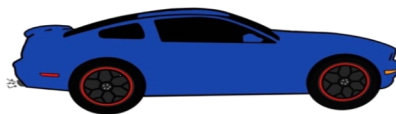


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Birthday Month _____ First Name of Significant Other: _____

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What is your reason for joining _____ ?

Would you be willing to serve on any committees _____ ?

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Year _____ Model _____ Color _____

Year _____ Model _____ Color _____

Please enclose a color photo of your car (optional)

**Mail completed application
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End of Year Ranting

My End of Year Ranting: We have to come to the preferable fork in the road and Dennis and I are done. We put in (18) years in making our show successful and donated a lot of bucks to our charity. Moving forward TONY will be doing the 2025 Thunderbird Ford Show and with all their pissing and moaning thru the years let's see how they do. I will not be involved in any capacity which means I will not assist, help or make recommendations etc. They are on their own and most likely will not support it but its way to early for that. I will not ask Pat McNulty or the Mustang Club to support the show but that's their call.

Part Two: I will be 82 in December and at times I run out of gas but I will continue to run the club with your support. If you're not happy with what I do please reach out to me with your complaints or suggestions and I will address them. Maybe it's time to do some stuff we have not done in years. Like a club picnic or a Holiday Party. We will still have our outdoor meetings so we can show off our Thunderbirds, and let's try to do something special in July and August.

Almost Done: I have been approached by some club members who have asked me why I did not offer our annual car show to a club member or members since I was giving it up the answer is simple. It was a judgment call on my part that if I made the offer to all concerned I would have been drawn back in and my personal goal was to be done with running the annual show and all that comes with it. So if I have offended anyone I apologize.

Show Your Colors

Club Sweatshirts & Hats: Yes, it's been a while since we ordered club sweatshirts and hats but with fall around the corner this is a perfect opportunity to order one of each. They are light weight sweatshirts with our club logo on the left chest. The cost is \$25.00 and right now I do not need money, but I do need your sizes. **Call e-mail or text me your size.** The color is ash which is a lighter grey, and the hats will most likely be black and adjustable and about \$18.00. If you would like a denim jacket with the club logo on the left chest that is a pre-order and I will need a check. If interested in any of the above, please contact me.

Building Home for Heroes Hats

A footnote to Hats: I still have some red, white and one blue hats left from our show in October. If you would like me to put one aside for you at no cost just let me know.

End of Year Club Meeting

End of Year Club Meeting/Wednesday November 13th: Small group of Bird people: Mr. & Mrs. Rosina, Tom DeNunzio, and new member Tom Rocco. Good conversation and Tom Rocco told us about is 02 Retro that he bought new, and if everything goes well he will be the cover story for January.

VTCI Newsletter Contest Winner

VTCI Newsletter Contest: Every year the VTCI has a newsletter contest and this year Art won a Silver Certificate Award. Our club newsletter has been old school since day one, and Art does a great job with it. We congratulate him....

Vintage Thunderbird Classic International Club: As our mast head notes we are a chapter of the VTCI, and proud of it. For me, I have been a member for a long time and have been to two of their events over the years. Both are in New Jersey, one this past August. The question is why join and be a part of a great national club? The answer is simple and let me explain Lucy. Some of the articles and info you get is priceless. You want to know more about your Bird just reach out to them. They have many tech people covering all the years that the car was produced, and for me to go to an event sponsored by them is outstanding. In this issue and moving forward is an application for the club, and I would suggest you sign up.

2025 Calendar: Our 2025 club calendar is included in this issue. Some TBA's because we are not sure what's going on with certain events. After the President's Council meeting in February, we will fine tune the event and calendar page. We are always looking for suggestions for our outdoor meetings and events.

LITC Annual Board Meeting

LITC Annual Board Meeting/Saturday, November 9, 2024 The Board met on Saturday, November 9th for *breakfast* and *discussion* in regard to 2025. In attendance were John Bianco, Paul Rosina, John Karahalis, (We also left an empty chair at the table for Ken) and yours truly. We updated our 2025 events and meeting listings which are in this issue of Bird Talk. Our agenda was kind of basic after all these years. There are dates for events; no show in 2025 and in the future, bringing back breakfast with the "Boss" in March. Also, what to do for our July and August outdoor get togethers. I had asked John Bianco to reach out to the Cradle of Aviation in Uniondale to see if we could get a date some info like cost, and maybe lock in a date for either July or August. We also want to change our first outdoor meeting which is in April and usually at BK in Farmingdale to maybe Buffalo Wild Wings also in Farmingdale. Trying to get speakers for our January, February, and March indoor meetings. Lastly in 2025 we are going to raise the dues by one dollar.

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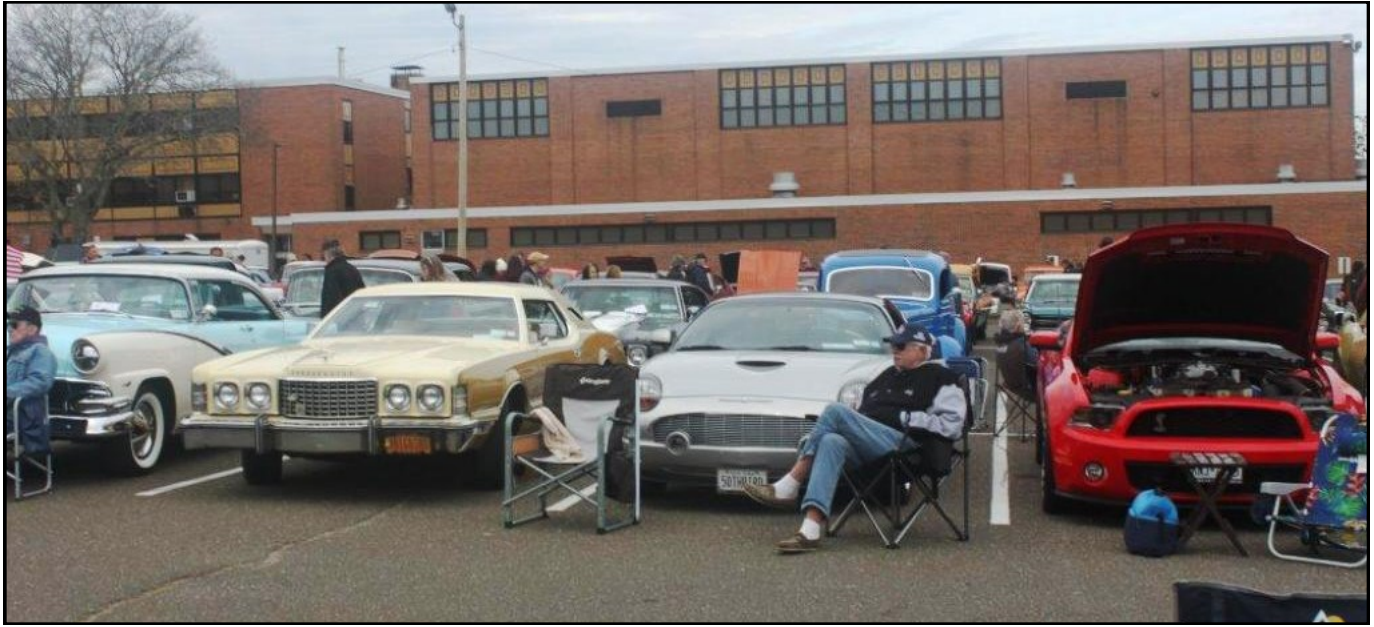
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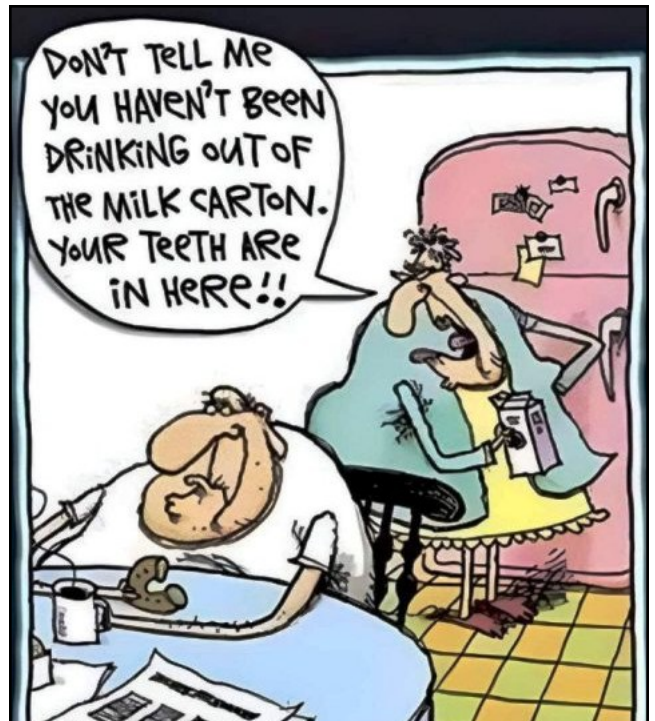
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