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Rock & Roll Car Show Smithtown Sunday August 3rd

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El Presidente

Our Next Club Meeting is Wednesday September 17th at the Hauppauge Palace Diner with a Guest Speaker Al Braunreuther from Smithtown Auto Trim

All Ford Charity Car Show

Sunday September 7, 2025

Saville Ford All Ford Car Show

Sunday September 14, 2025

A Change of Plans

Hope all are well and safe.

After I announced that as of the end of the year, I would be resigning as your President but on Sunday August 10th I made a decision. At the Cohen Children Medical Center Car Show I approached John Bianco (The Count) and we talked for a while and we came to an agreement effective immediately that we will both Co President the club into the end of this year and next year and maybe beyond. No details have been discussed but in future Bird Talk there will be more info. I'm glad that John stepped up to the plate and his insight and talent to be involved as President is greatly appreciated.

Interesting fact to my leaving at the end of the year. Two member's one text and one email responded after last month's info in my message. I thank Tom DeNunzio, and Alan Nathanson for their thoughts, and kind words.

Wednesday September 17th @ the Hauppauge Palace Diner

Next Club Meeting/Wednesday September 17th Hauppauge Palace Diner: Where has the summer gone to? Game time is 7 PM and our guest speaker from Smithtown Auto Trim will be Al Braunreuther and I'm sure he will dazzle you with his foot work and conversation.

Wanted New Board Member

Also, we are thinking of adding a new board member with some diverse duties and if you're interested email, or call me and I will give you more details.

Cohens Children Hospital Medical Center Car Show

Sunday August 10th/Cohens Children Hospital Medical Center Car Show: Interesting event it was a freebee and they did ask you to donate using the bar code on the form they handed out. I talked to the "Count" and he agreed with me to donate \$100.00 from the club; their thank you email is in our extra pages. Had to be close to 500 plus vehicles on site and as late as noon they were still coming in. In the house was Roger Stamile, Adolph Molta, John Bianco and yours truly. Very hot today and John and I left at 1 ish. There were awards and some judges did look at our cars but they mentioned in order to receive an award you had to be here. Last item: they raised \$30,000 from the event.

September Car Shows

September Car Shows: There is a plethora of shows in the month of September. Priority is All Ford show in East Islip and then the 4th Annual Exotics Show in Pt Washington on Saturday the 6th and Island Park Library show on Saturday the 13th. Also, the All American Muscle Show at Hooters in Farmingdale on Sunday the 21st, and the Dix Hills Fire Department also on the 21st. Finally, the Long Island State Veterans Home at Saturday the 27th at Stony Brook University and The Centurion Cruisers Car Club is having an event on the 28th in for Autism at 80 Hauppauge Road in Commack. Not much info at this time. Too many to list all.

Home Phone

My Land Line: My home phone is back now the bad news and I can be contacted thru that but you cannot leave a message. It appears it's time to replace the base I will keep you updated. So if you need me call my cell.

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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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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
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

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

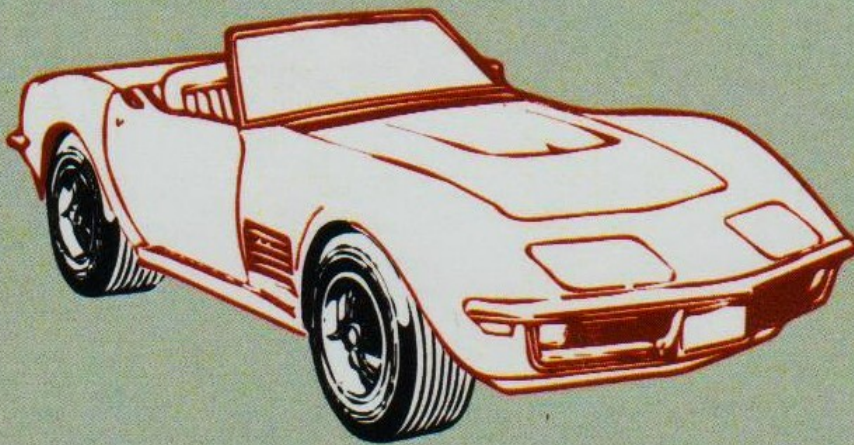
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How did you hear about LITC _____ ?

What is your reason for joining _____ ?

Would you be willing to serve on any committees _____ ?

Car Info

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Year _____ Model _____ Color _____

Please enclose a color photo of your car (optional)

**Mail completed application
and check payable to:**

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516-445-2630

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All Ford Charity Car Show
Bank of America
345 E. Main Street East Islip

Sunday September 7th All Ford Charity Car Show at in East Islip: You must pre-register for this show. There is no day of show acceptance and all the info is on the flyer which is in our extra pages. When you do register please let me know so I can coordinate the parking so we all can be together. Also, I will be judging the non-Mustang classes at the show. "Have Judge Will Travel" Come and support this event. Remember the Mustang Club was always there for our show.

Sayville Ford Car Show
5686 Sunrise Highway
Sayville

Sunday September 14th Sayville Ford Car Show: This is another event that is being run by the Mustang Shelby Club of Long Island. I have no other information at this time but will keep my ear to the ground.

Rock & Roll Car Show

Sunday August 3rd Rock & Roll Car Show in Smithtown: On the road by 8 AM so we can park together. That was Billy Kiely Jr, John Karahalidis and yours truly. Well over (200) vehicles today due to a lack of another car show on the 3rd. In attendance from LITC was Kurt Langer, Adolph Molta, Ron Kohlmann. Billy came in second place in his class with a nice memento from the show and so did Kurt who came in first in his class. Photos of the awards are in our front page. The rest of us "Thanks for Showing Up" but an enjoyable day with good weather and conversation.

Guide Dog Car Show

Saturday August 16th/ Comsewogue High School for the Guide Dog Foundation: Good stuff here. Walter Stoeber, Roger Stamile his wife and guide dog *Pippen*. Plus, yours truly. Basically, a fund raiser for the Guide Dog Foundation and throw in a car show for good measure. Figure almost (50) vehicles @ \$20.00 per plus a 50/50. I think they did alright. They had trophies for some winners and Roger won one. Walters Retro Bird is still for sale at \$14,000 with only 60,000 miles on it's and still good deal and fair price

East End Olds Car Show

Sunday August 17th/East End Olds Car Show in Manorville: Well, I wanted to do something different and I did. I could have gone to Flowerfields, or Commack Fire Department show, or the Smithhaven Mall on Sunday morning, but I chose the Maples in Manorville. I arrived about 9 ish and was parked with at least 6 vehicles in my class. One was very interesting, it was a 1979 Avanti parked next to me. I thought they stopped making these cars in the early 1960's. Took some pictures of it which will be in our extra pages. I did come in third in my class and if the trophy was any smaller but hey, I won something and broke the drought. There was a guy parked on the other side of me with an 82 Caddy and by his actions he was a trophy hunter, and when the judges did his car, they were holding hands.

My Start to the Morning on the 17th

My start of this Sunday was interesting. I stopped for gas at the local BP and as I was filling up a guy parked behind me with a Jeep said he liked my car and we did exchange a few words. Now still filling up a guy with a Jag pulls in next to me and started to talk about Big Bird. Still not done and as I was leaving a guy with pickup pulls in and cannot say enough nice things about the Big Guy. I had won three trophies even before I got to the show.

President Footnote

President Footnote: Just to let you know that there is an All-Ford Show in October in Kings Park and I'm not involved by choice. When Dennis Benfante and I last year decided that after (18) Shows we are done but his club TONY has taken it over. I will not circle the wagons right now and will really get into this in our October Bird Talk. Over the years his club was never happy with me for a lot of reasons but that's another story. I will not be there and will not support the show. No flyer, no kind words, but it is for a good cause Building Homes for Heroes, that's the only plus. As of today's writing, and in dealing with the event, nobody from TONY has reached out to me or Dennis to ask for anything and I don't care. Some of you have mentioned that I should go just show them that I'm a good guy. It's not going to happen. You can go if you want, I'm not telling you not to. I will beat this up one more time in October and then stick a fork in me I'm done and have paid my dues over the years.

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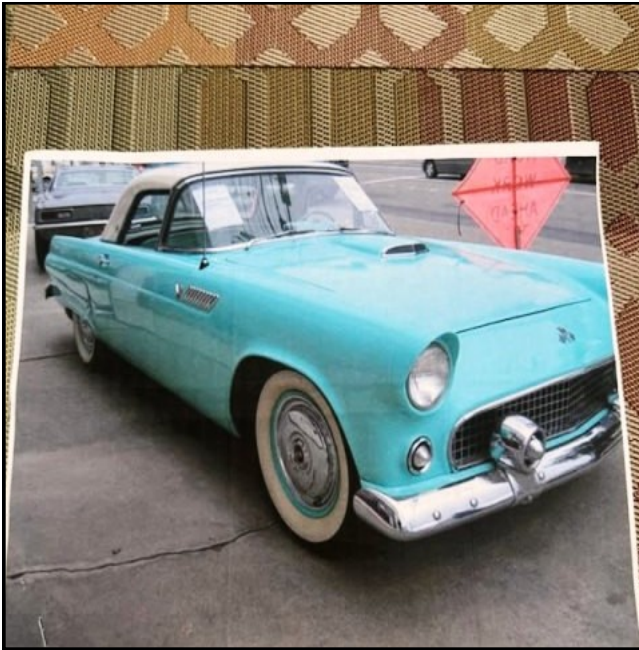
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