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1965 Thunderbird Convertible Roster Package, 99k miles runs strong, AC works, interior is in excellent condition, tops is working with no issues but does need to be replaced.

Linda Weinberg asking 20k 631 889 1790



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SEASON'S GREETINGS & A HADDY AND HEATHLY 2024 NEW YEAR

DUES ARE DUE IN DECEMBER

This is a great time of year with the Holidays approaching, and spending time with family and friends, 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!

Operation Enduring Care

Operation Enduring Care/Sunday November 12th/Walt Whitman High School: The club donated \$100.00 and some T Shirts left over from our show. I donated 10 jackets from my forty some odd years of umpiring and some new Thurlo socks. Sun was out but too cold to stay and to see who won trophies. Ran into some people I have not seen in years and believe it or not, I forgot their names. Sat with Larry Werkstel and Rick Tierney for a while and then just packed up and left. Charlie Armstrong informed me later in the day by text that they had (201) vehicles and raised five thousand dollars. A real good day and as I always say: "no injuries and nobody got hurt."

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.

AACA Museum in Hershey Da

AACA Museum & Brick for Kenny: We are thinking of purchasing a brick at the AACA Museum in Hershey Pa in Kenny's name. The Old Guard did this a few years ago for Malcolm Green and we want to do this again for Ken. It's not just the brick it's the ceremony that goes with it.

Car crazy Corner

Winter Storage

Tony Colonari Article Number Two: Uncle Tony has done it again with his own by line. We thank him for his text and ideas.

What's Up

Some of my thoughts for 2024, and beyond: We have come to the preferable fork in the road in regards to our All Ford Show. Mr. Siben has informed me that he has new partners and he is not sure that they would continue to support our show, but he would donate a \$1000.00 towards the event. If that would happen we would need a couple of thousand more to continue. I have approached my next store neighbor Rob, and his father who own White Wolf in Kings Park, and he also would donate \$1000.00. So with my ranting that would leave us a \$1000.00 short. It's still way too early to address this but I thought that you guys should know what's going on. Plus, since Kenny's passing Dennis and I have not really talked about 2024.

Show Your Colors

Club Sweatshirts & Hats: Yes, it's been a while since we ordered club sweatshirts and hats but with winter 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.

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....

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LITC Scheduled Outdoor Meetings 2024

(Rain dates one week later)

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

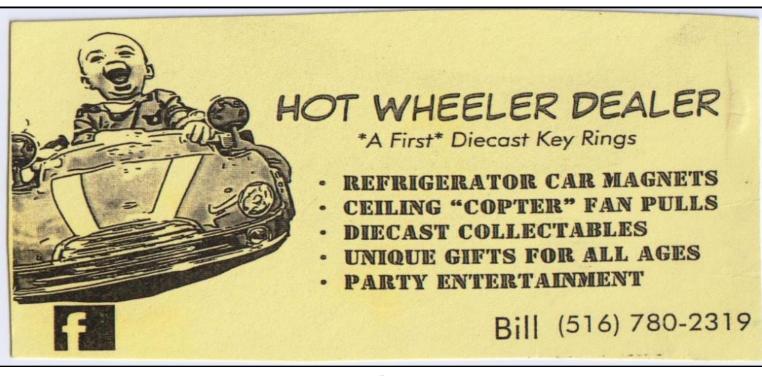
Wednesday October 16th

Wednesday November 13th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER

Richard Kamin
Allen Lipp
Alan Nathanson
Elliott Wiener





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

Yaphank Fire Dept Yaphank Thursday

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.)

Lake Grove Houlihan's Middle Country Rd 5pm

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

Wendy's Oakdale - Montauk Hwy & Locust Ave Sponsored by Still Crusin Car Club contact Ish 631-205-0510 6pm

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 Donation info Bob Citko 516-676-0366

West Isilp 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

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 TBA

St Patrick's School Car Show Smithtown

Sunday TBA

National Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 19th Keyfood Shopping Center Kings Park

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

Mustang-Shelby Club of Long Island

Saturday May TBA Farmingdale it's an all generic show and for charity.

Sunday July 7th Vanderbilt Museum – No rain date and you must pre- register

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

ST Anthony Car Show Dix Hills Centurion Cruisers

Sunday June 23th 275 Wolf Hill Rd S Huntington

Collector Car Appreciation Day Friday, July 12th

Smithtown Rehab Center Wednesday August 14th -Rain 21th

391 N Country Rd Smithtown Hours 2-4 pm

Thunderbird/Ford Show

(a) Keyfood Shopping Plaza Kings Park

Sunday October Rain Date TBA

Newins Ford -Saturday Sept 9th Rain-Date Sept 10th

ST Joseph The Worker Knights of Columbus 3ndAnnual Car Show

Saturday September 16th

Food & Toy Drive Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November 5th

Operation Enduring Caring Sunday November 12th

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Long Island Thunderbirds Membership/Renewal Application

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

		Renewal	New Member	<u> </u>	
		Dues:	\$29.00 (Jan 1 st -Dec 31 ^s	st)	
**Volui	ntary Co.	ntribution to Clu	b's Charity Fund:	\$10 \$15_	_ \$20Other \$
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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		
	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

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YTCI

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.

Dues Are Due

Dues are due in December: Shortly, you will be receiving our annual dues letter from yours truly. Please fill out the data sheet and return everything to him with your check for \$29.00. Remember you can donate additional monies to our charity fund, and feel free to do so.

Please don't forget to fill out your Birthday <u>Month</u> line on the form. There will be no increase in dues for 2024. For your convenience in replying, a self-addressed envelope will be enclosed.

2024 Calendar: Our 2024 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.

Thunderbirds for Sale

Thunderbirds for Sale: There are still Thunderbirds for sale within our club. Ken Weinbergs 1965 Thunderbird convertible and Walter Stoebers 2003 retro Bird. Linda Weinberg has reduced the price on Ken's car to \$22,000 and Walter bird is \$

President's Council Meeting

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Check Your Guns at the Door

President's Council Meeting on Sunday November 19th: Are your seat belts fastened? Lap trays up and this is what I did for a few hours on the 19^{th of} November. Interesting hour and let's call it a half. About thirty minutes plus of infighting between Council "A" and Council "B", it appears that "A" did not tell "B" of some of the goings on. When they got done pissing on each other they did address a few topics of interest. First one was the rain date for shows and they would like you to have your rain date on a Saturday, and that makes sense based on your venue. They would like you to have only three shows a year which will not affect us, and the 2024 President's Council Meeting will be on Sunday February 18th the site TBA.

Welcome Back: A Stephen Koller from Shelter Island with his two 55 Baby Birds. He also told me he will make every meeting as long as the club pays for the ferry. Only kidding about the ferry. Glad to have you back in the fold.

Annual Board Meeting

LITC Annual Board Meeting/Saturday, November 18, 2023 The Board met on Saturday, November 18th for *breakfast* and *discussion* in regard to 2024. 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 2024 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. Our show is a question mark for next year, and 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 American Power Museum at the Farmingdale airport to see if we could get a date for either July or August. 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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DATE: January 10th Wednesday

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE Hauppage Palace Diner

See ad page 7 for directions



Operation Enduring Care Sunday November 19th







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Operation Enduring Care Sunday November 19th

Charlie Amstrong







Greenlawn Post 1244 Operation Enduring Care

Elliot Weiner, President Long Island Thunderbird Club 87 Ruth St. Smithtown, NY 11787

November 24, 2023

Dear Elliot:

We thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00 for Operation Enduring Care:

The Centurion Cruisers Benefit Car Show at Walt Whitman High School on November 12 was a great success with over 200 cars participating!

Sadly, just one week before the show, we lost Al Statton, the founder of Operation Enduring Care, after a long and valiant battle with cancer. We will carry on the work of Operation Enduring Care in Al's memory. Al's wife Connie will continue to be a part of our team.

Your donation will help provide our veterans residing at the Northport VA Medical Center and the United Veterans Beacon House Residence at Building 11 with personal care, hygiene, meals, and other needed items.

We wish you and your loved ones all the joys of the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Finance Officer

Past Commander 2005-2015

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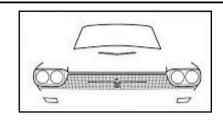
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CAR CRAZY CORNER

BY TONY COLONERI

RE: WINTER STORING

Unfortunately, the winter months add another responsibility for owners of vintage automobiles. We cannot drive our prize possession like we would like to. Since their use will diminish, what should we do? We could just leave the vehicle sit and do nothing, and hope it fares well in the spring. Or drive it on a regular basis. Not a bad idea on a nice day. However, due to weather conditions, this may prove to be impracticable. There is an alternate method for us to choose, see below, F.Y.I. When on the website, make certain to scroll down to see all of the Tips.

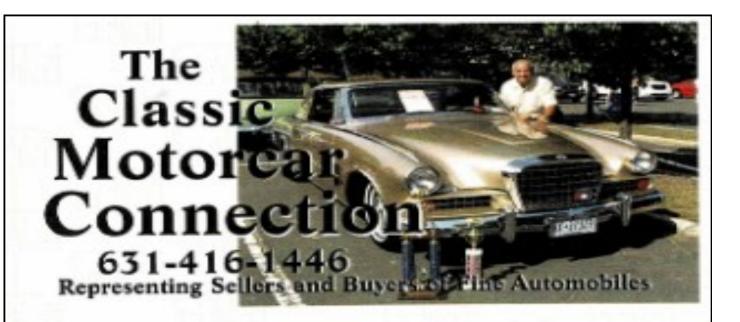
"THE BEST TIPS FOR WINTER CAR STORAGE AND CARE". (1).

https://www.hagerty.com/media/maintenance-and-tech/best-tips-for-winter-car

My take from reading "The Best Tips" was that it was very informative and pretty much what many of us have been doing. However, some of the comments and suggestions from the Hagerty readers were not what I would think to be good advice.. Therefore, it is always best to check with your mechanic before going forward.

Tony

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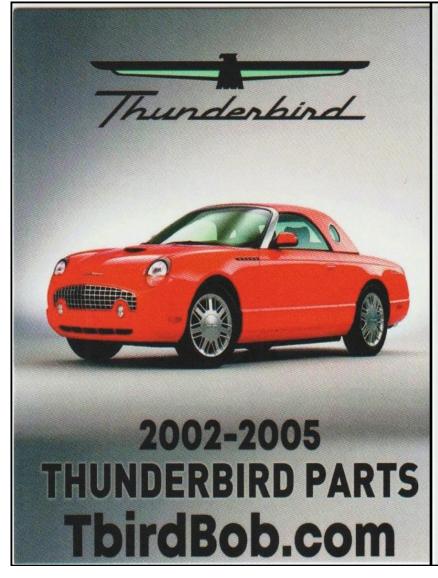
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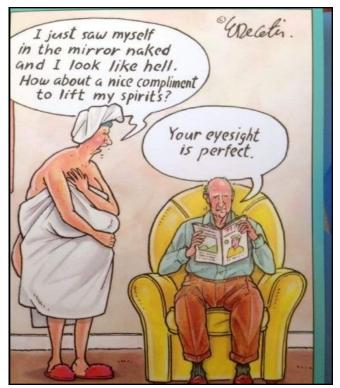
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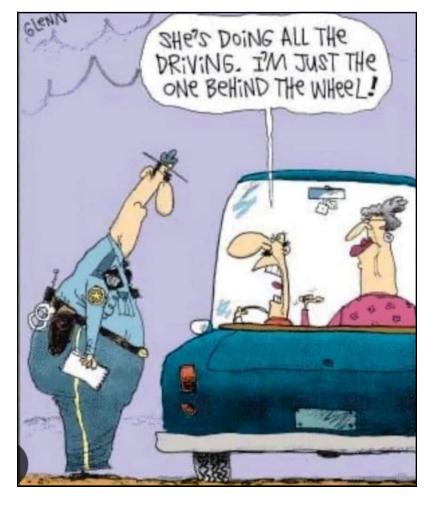
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