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Alan Nathanson's 1956 Thunderbird

We were in a bind this month for a theme Thunderbird for the front page of Bird Talk. So I reached out to Alan and as you can see his 56 is absolutely gorgeous. Many pictures inside the newsletter and he was in a rush because he was heading south. He did tell me its all original except for the wheels which he changed in 2019.

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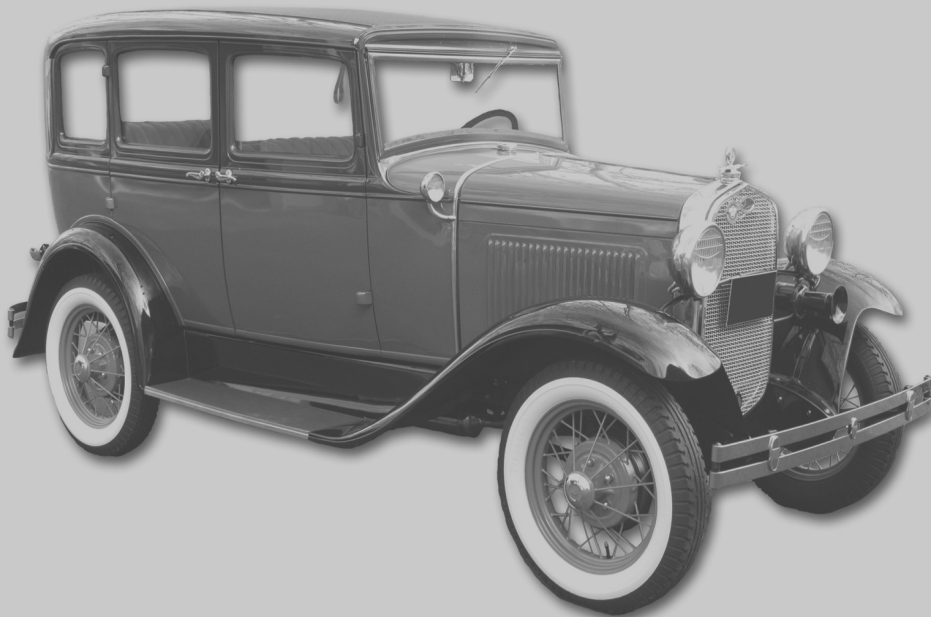
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Welcome 2023

February 14th – Valentine Day

Next Meeting Wednesday February 15th

Hope all are well and safe. Looking forward to 2023 and the events we have planned. First is our 17th annual Thunderbird Ford show on Sunday October 1st in Kings Park (Flyer in extra pages). Next is Breakfast with the Boss on Sunday March 5th and trying to get creative with May 21st Thunderbird Appreciation Day. Our first outdoor meeting is at BK in Farmingdale and then pizza night in June. So stay tuned.

January 18th Our Monthly Meeting @ The Diner: Good news, bad news. At the last minute Jim Mularadelis from the Bayport Aerodrome Society had to cancel his appearance to our meeting. As we move forward we will have more info on the May 21st event Thunderbird Appreciation Day. That was the bad news; and now for the good news. The Mustang Shelby Club also had their monthly meeting at the diner and we got to see some old friends like Pat McNulty, John Dettori and a host of others. We participated in their 50/50 drawing to show good faith and overall had an excellent time.

Front Cover/Alan Nathansons's 56 Thunderbird: With a week to go before publishing the February issue of BT Alan came thru with many pictures of his 56 Thunderbird. Alan bought the car in 2019 and it's all original except for the wheels. When I talked to him he was on his way to the Sunshine State and I wished him a safe trip.

Letterman Jacket

Letterman Jacket: The jacket is a go and at this point in time we are creating fresh art work for the back of it. There will be color choices and when we reach that point in time I will reach out to the members to see who likes what. The jacket pictures will appear again in the extra pages of this newsletter.

May 21 Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Bayport Aerodrome

Sunday May 21st Thunderbird Appreciation Day/Bayport Aerodrome: I know its late January so why are we talking about May? The answer is simple. I was trying to create something different and unique for the day and event. So, after you digest this topic I need your feedback to see if it's worth doing. Since day one of the event both clubs have met at Kings Park and both clubs have chipped in and bought pizza most of the time. At times there was a 50/50 cash drawing plus a few other perks and many pictures. My goal was to try something interesting. Make it a fun day, park on the grass and a trip to the Aerodrome in Bayport, spending the day with some antique airplanes, listening to a live band and a pancake breakfast.

I just need to know if there is an interest in doing this. Figure the cost to members will be \$20.00, which entitles the driver to a free pancake breakfast and a raffle that could win you a ride in a Biplane! Each additional breakfast for non-drivers or guests would be about \$8.00. Also, coffee and pancakes will be available all day. I visited the airport a while ago and was impressed with the man cave hangers, and of course the antique air planes.

So what do you think? One last fact: this event is not exclusive to both clubs. They want to turn it into a generic car show with other people involved. Please contact me at your earliest convenience and give me your thoughts.

President's Council Meeting Sunday February 19th: As most of you know, this is an annual event which all or most of the sixty car clubs on Long Island participate. The drill is simple, they to minimize volume car shows which are run on the same date, which does not usually work but they try their best to make it happen. Also, free bagels and donuts. Mr. Weinberg and I will attend and we will give you an update in the March BT

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LITC Scheduled Outdoor Meetings 2023

(Rain dates one week later)

Wednesday April 12th-Burger King Farmingdale

Sunday May 21th Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Wednesday June 14th 6:pm

Spuntinos Restaurant Dix Hills Pizza Night

Wednesday July TBA

Saturday August TBA

Our 17th Annual All Ford Car Show

Sunday October 1—Rain Date 10th

Kings Park KeyFood Plaza

LITC Scheduled Indoor Meeting 2023 Thru March

LITC meets Wednesdays starting at 7 PM

Hauppauge Palace Diner

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Wednesday January 18th

Wednesday February 15th

Wednesday March 15th

Wednesday September 13th

Wednesday October 18th

Wednesday November 15th

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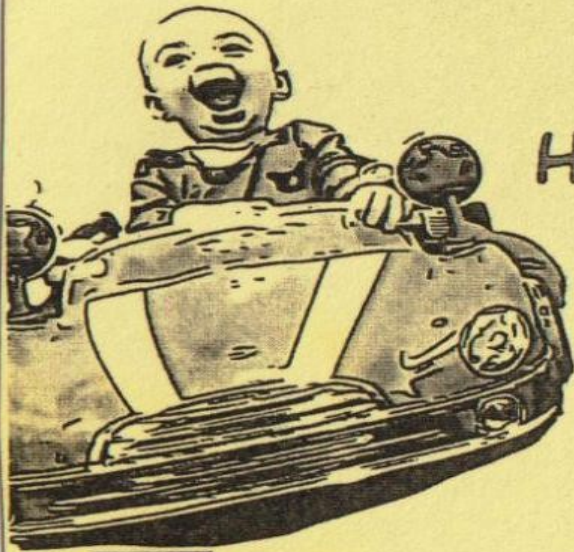
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Main St East Rockaway @Villa Marcia Restaurant 6pm

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
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FRIDAY

Bellmore train Station Lot Sunrise Hwy & Bellmore Ave Sponsored by
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SATURDAY

Islip Town Hall 655 Main St Islip 5-9pm

McDonalds Sunrise Hwy West Islip

Event Schedule 2023

All dates to be updated when confirmed

Breakfast with "The Boss"

Sunday March 5th Southbay Diner Lindenhurst

Easter Parade- Garden City-April 9th

Car's and Guitar's @ Miller Ale House Commack
Sunday April 23th

National Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 21th

Keyfood Shopping Center Kings Park

Ford Nationals

Carlisle, Pa. June 1-4th

Westbury Gardens - Sunday June 4th

ST Anthony Car Show Dix Hills Centurion Cruisers TBA

275 Wolf Hill Rd S Huntington

Collector Car Appreciation Day Friday, July 14th

Thunderbird/Ford Show

@ Keyfood Shopping Plaza Kings Park

Sunday October 1

Rain Date October 8th

Sayville Street Fest - Sunday, TBA

ST Joseph The Worker Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual Car Show

TBA

Food & Toy Drive—Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November 5th

Operation Enduring Caring

November TBA

Buy & Sell

We would like his 76 Thunderbird to go to someone who can appreciate it. It has been garage kept the whole time he has owned it. It has 37992 miles on it. It does need some attention. If you know anyone who would be interested please let me know. We are asking \$5000.00 Judy 973-303-5662 Picture last

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Alan Nathanson's 1956 Thunderbird



Mustang Shelby Club of Long Island

Mustang Shelby Club of Long Island: Listed below are their show dates for this year. Missing from the list right now is Newins Ford in Bay Shore, and I understand there will be more details to come for that event. As we get closer to each date I will reach out to all of you to see if there is an interest in attending their shows and where we can meet so we can park together.

Saturday May 13th Farmingdale it's an all generic show and for charity.

Sunday June 11th Lucas Ford in Southold – No rain date

Sunday July 9th Vanderbilt Museum – No rain date and you must pre- register

Sunday September TBA Newins Ford and you will have to pre- register

Sunday October 15th Riverhead Ford – Rain date is the 22nd, most likely at the Outlets again.

Facebook Thunderbird Sites

Facebook and the Prez: About six weeks ago I inadvertently washed my eight year old cell phone with my pants. So off to AT&T for a new weapon and bingo Facebook is alive and well in the Weiner household. Other than having eight million people who want to be my friends there are many Thunderbird sites to join. I find it interesting to see what people think and an example is for the Fashion Birds which is 77, 78 and 79. Those people think that the 79 bird was utopia. Just another study in human nature, and hey I like vanilla ice cream. To each their own.....

7 78 79 Ford Thunderbird Fashion Birds 1977 1978 1979

1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 Ford Thunderbirds Big Birds

1977 – 1979 Modified Thunderbirds

Ford Thunderbirds Glamour 1967 – 1971

Ford Thunderbirds

1964 – 1966 Thunderbird Flair Birds

1958 – 1960 Ford Thunderbirds

2002 – 2005 Ford Thunderbirds

Retro Thunderbirds Garage and Swap Meet

Some Events to Look Forward To

Sunday March 5th Breakfast with the Boss Southbay Diner: Annual event and more info in next month's newsletter

March 8th Meeting Reminder: Will be our annual detail night. With a little help from Bob Maliszewski we will pick a topic about detailing your car and open the floor for discussion. We may throw in a few giveaways but stay tuned.

Sunday July 9th – Mustang/Ford Show at the Vanderbilt Museum: This is a pre- registered event and will have more info as we get closer. Maximum of (125) vehicles, and done.

2023 Club Dues: It's simple - if you have not paid your 2023 club dues for this year, this could be your last newsletter. No reminders, begging etc.

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DATE: March 15th Wednesday

TIME: 7pm

PLACE: Hauppauge Palace Diner

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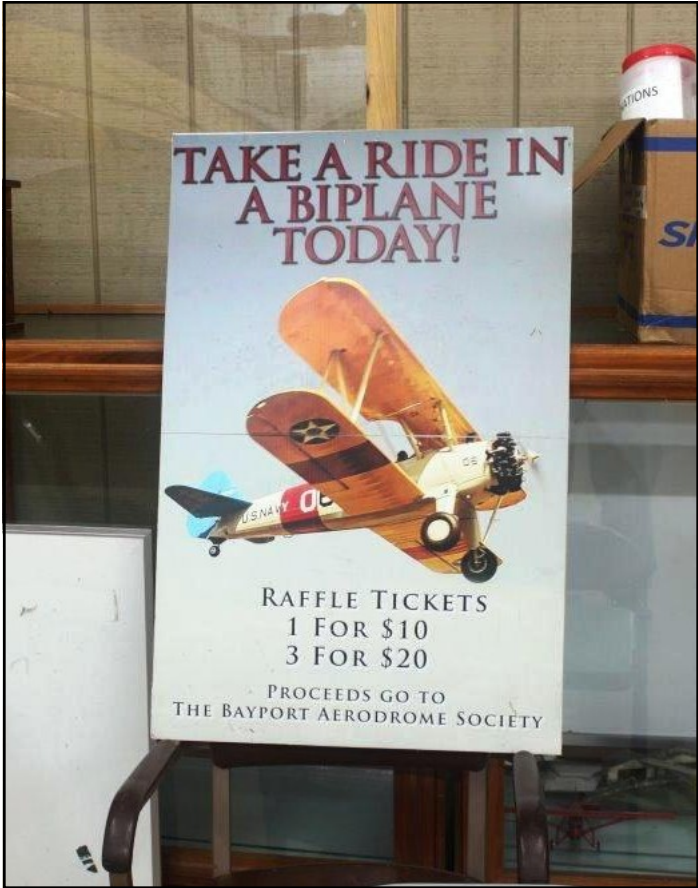
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Long Island Thunderbirds

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Bayport Aerodrome



Long Island Thunderbirds

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