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1962 Ford Thunderbird "Landau": Owner Kurt Langer

This car was my father's "dream car." He purchased it in 1963 from the original owner in Garden City, who after only 1400 miles, decided he wanted to return to his Cadillac roots. The car was always garaged and was dad's daily driver. We took our one big family vacation to Niagara Falls in 1964 with it. My father retired from Fairchild Republic in 1985. After that the car was driven sparingly for the next 15 years. About the year 2000 he had stopped driving it altogether and it sat covered in the garage. Upon his passing in 2015, my son and I began to resurrect it and have been working to restore it to it's former glory so to speak. The car is virtually all original, save some minor body touch ups and we have done our best to keep it that way. It has it's blemishes for sure, but what 64 year old doesn't. The 390 still provides plenty of power and pep. It is a pleasure to drive, and gives me a sense of closeness to my father when I'm cruising down the highway in it.



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Welcome 2024

February 14th – Valentine's Day

Next Meeting Wednesday February 7th

Judging Session & Guest Speaker

John Dettori from MSCLI

Shalom,

Hope all are well and safe. Looking forward to 2024 and the events we have planned. First is our 18th annual Thunderbird Ford show on Sunday October 6th in Kings Park. Next, is Breakfast with the Boss on Sunday March 3rd and trying to get creative with May 19th Thunderbird Appreciation Day. Our first outdoor meeting is at BK in Farmingdale in April and then pizza night in June at Gino's in KP. So stay tuned.

Our Show in October

Our Show in October: We are thinking of changing our show format. No first, second or third place; it will change to top fifty. Rather than go into full explaining mode I have invited John Dettori from the Mustang Club to talk about judging and our show. We are trying to save money by changing the format, due to losing some of our sponsor money. The Mustang Club has used this format at Farmingdale, and the Vanderbilt show last year and I believe it works. Some of our trophy hunters may disagree.

Uncle Tony Strikes Again

Uncle Tony Strikes Again: Tony Colonari continues to update us on certain items that occur in our club. This month he writes about our advertisers and Pat Wilson's Thunderbird Store in Jersey. Pat deals with 1958 to 1966 Thunderbirds and his door is always open to you to ask questions and purchase products. His article is in our extra pages of BT this month.

2024 Dues Are Due

Dues Update: Early in January of 2024 we have forty members paid and over five hundred dollars in donations. However there are still members who are not paid. Please send you check to me at 87 Ruth Street Smithtown N.Y 11787.

January 10th Club Meeting

January 10th Our Monthly Meeting @ The Diner: A small gathering of Bird people and some items for discussion. First on the agenda was our show in Kings Park which will be Sunday October 6th with a rain date of Sunday the 12th. I also brought up a new format for the show which will be top 50 vehicles. No first, second and third anymore and two best in show awards. This is still in the planning stage and as we get closer to the show date I will have more info. Next, are our awards which will be plaques, which will note that you have won your award being in the top fifty. I discussed our sponsorship money and why we are doing what we are doing. I mentioned that Ken Weinberg's car was bought by Ed Mirabella a LITC member and "he stole it" but that is another story for another time. I brought my Bullitt book to show everyone what I created when I had my car, and promised that next month I will bring my Thunderbird book. As of the tenth we have forty renewals and over five hundred dollars in donation. I'm sure that number would have put a smile on Ken's face. Lastly, is the All Ford Show at Pt. Jeff Ford which will be run by the Shelby Mustang Club of Long Island. Rumor had it the TONY was approached by the dealer to have a Thunderbird Ford Show at their location but that is not happening.

Bull Market

Bull Market: I received my newsletter this month from Haggerty Insurance and there is an article about what they call "The Bull Market". In their opinion these cars will likely appreciate over the next 12 months. One of the cars that were picked was the 1966 Thunderbird Convertible and the range was from 64 to 66 "Flair Birds". There are ten vehicles in total. Paraphrasing some of the text from the article, you climb into the cockpit and you might imagine yourself at the controls of an Apollo moon module or a star fighter from Sci. Fi. As you all know the base V8 was a 390 and in 66 Ford added 15 more horse power and also available was an optional 428 V8 Q code. The article claims the ride is soft and comfortable, if not for a bit of leaning and floating over the curves and bumps. Haggerty states that the value range starts about \$17,500 and grows to \$56,400 and I have seen Q codes convertibles go as far as six figures.

A Brick for Ken

A Brick for Ken: Since Ken's passing I'm trying to come up some event that we can all attend and honor his passing. My first thought was the AACA Museum in Hershey Pa, and what hit me over this weekend is the Vanderbilt Museum by us. We can order the brick and see when it's time to view it we could bring our Birds and have a get together for the day. This is just in the early stages and I have called the AACA guys twice and still no return call. I have also reached out to the Vanderbilt people and still no return call. I will keep trying and update you each month.

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(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

JANUARY

Darryl Dowers

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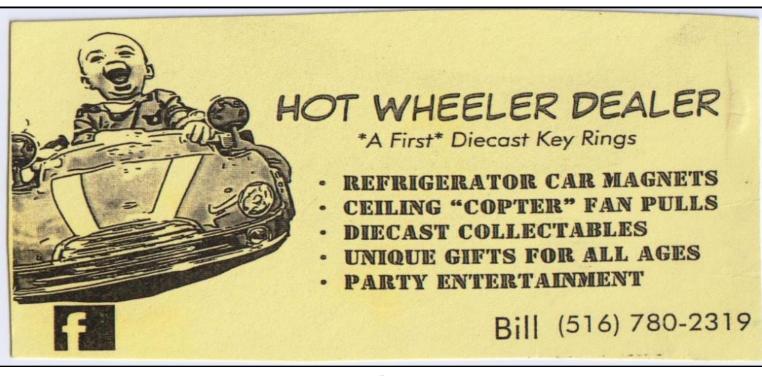
FEBRUARY

Thomas Doherty

Nancy Rajkowski

Ronald Roth





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 April 21th

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 Ford Show Pt Jefferson Ford June 9th

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

@ 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 &Tov Drive Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November 5th

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		Please enclose	a color photo of your car	(optional)	

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Food For Thought February 7th Meeting

Food For Thought: Just recently one of our members asked if I could get him his judging score sheet from our October Show, and it's interesting that his Bird came in first. I did request it from our judges and will get it to him when it arrives. Maybe its time to beat this up a little, so on the 7th I will attempt to clear up a few of the existing fairy tales when it comes to cars shows and give you my frank opinion on what's real and what is not. As Judge Judy says, "only my opinion counts."

1964 Thunderbird Parts Car For Sale

This is in extra pages and for sale parts or whole car if interested car located on William Floyd Pkwy. Contact info

jack6four637two933zero

Front Cover

Front Cover/Kurt Langer's 62 Thunderbird: You will enjoy Kurt's story about his Bird and we thank him for stepping up to the plate with photos and bio.

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.

Sunday June 9th Pt Jeff Ford – No rain date

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

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. I will attend and we will give you an update in the March BT.

Facebook Thunderbird Sites

Repeat From Last Year

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.....

Ford Thunderbird Fashion Birds 1977 1978 1979

1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 Ford Thunderbirds Big Birds Ford Thunderbirds Glamour 1967 – 1971

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 3rd 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 June 9th – Mustang/Ford Show at the Pt Jeff Ford: This is a pre-registered event and will have more info as we get closer. Maximum of (125) vehicles, and done.

2024 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 13th Wednesday

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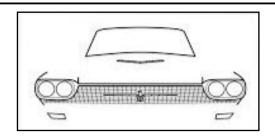
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1962 Ford Thunderbird "Landau": Owner Kurt Langer





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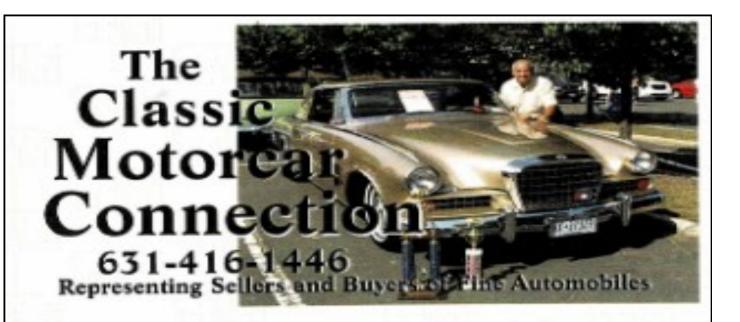
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Anyway, the one I would like to mention is "PAT WILLSON'S THUNDERBIRD'S" added the s. His latest catalog really stands out. Just couldn't put it down. The many items offered were neatly categorized and where practical, photos were included. "Optional kits " was offered along with step by step directions, besides the ability to purchase individual parts. This was, I believe, a new feature when purchasing parts.

Thinking when Pat first opened many years ago, seems like yesterday. I purchased a few parts and was in a hurry so this meant that I would have to pick them up. It was in the middle of the winter and a lot of show recently had fallen. Headed to North Jersey after work and arrived at Pat's home. He took me to his garage and helped me with placement in my car.

As always, whenever you call, either Pat or one of his family members answers the phone. Their message is the same as it was years ago. Which is: Helpful, knowledgeable, and courteous. It reminds me of a Mom & Pop store, and you cannot put a price tag on that.

Tony



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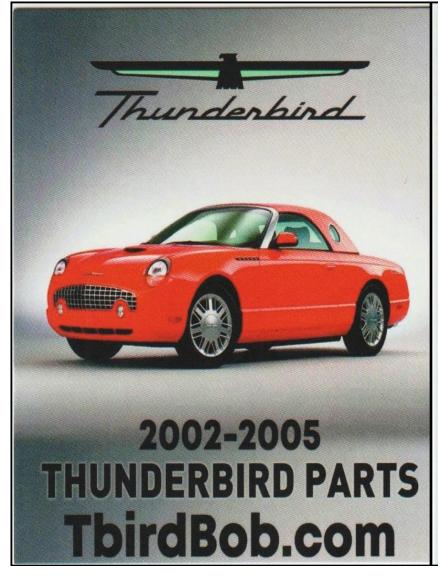
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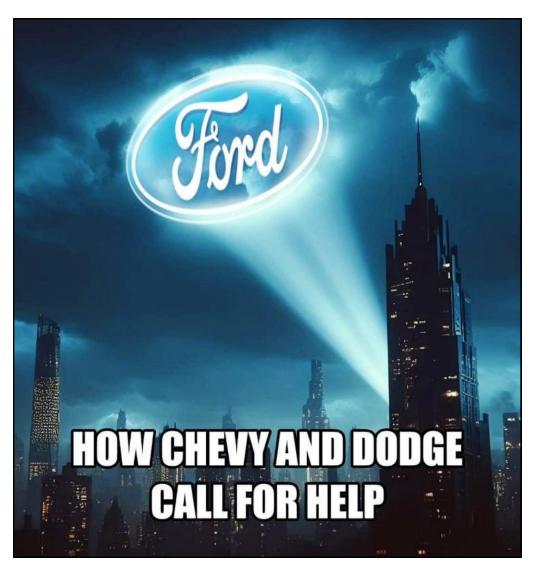
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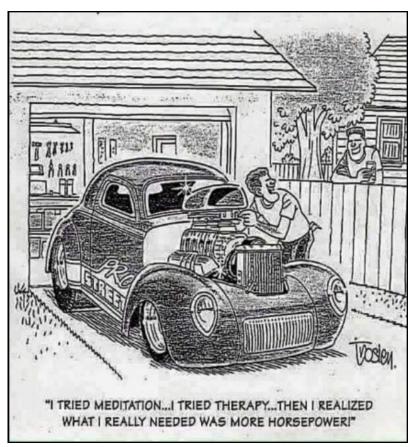
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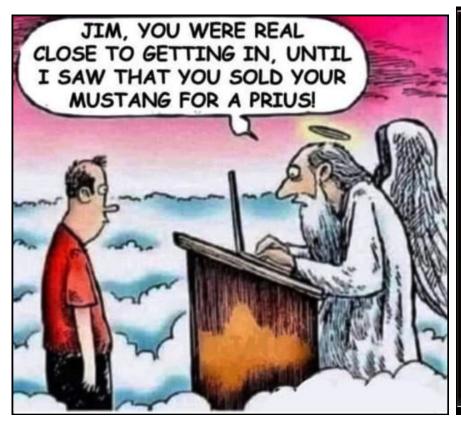
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