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El Presidente

...Wishing You a Happy Holiday Season And a Healthy, Prosperous New Year

First Club Meeting of 2024

Wednesday January 10th

Hope all are well and looking forward to 2024. Our first club meeting of the year is Wednesday January 10th at the Hauppauge Palace Diner. First pitch is at 7 PM. At our last meeting in November we kind a fixed aided on the movie "Bullitt" When I had my Mustang Bullitt I created a book about the movie and my car at the time. I will bring it on the 10th so you all can enjoy it.

Mr. Magic

Paul Rosina

Saturday December 9th @ My House: About eight days ago Big Bird became ill. I took the Bird out for a cruise and I realized that I forgot my wallet. Frani says "I'm always forgetting things and she could be right. So, I come back to the house went inside for my wallet and back in the Bird. I go to start it and it's DEAD. I pop the hood. The negative end on my battery had broken in half. So I reach out to Ron Kohlmann LITC member to help me and he did. We go to the local parts house, bought an end and Ron installed it. However, it still would not start. We tried to jump it, yell at it, and threaten it but nothing. Plus, because of what we were trying to do at times smoke was coming from the engine bay. So I reached out to Mr. Magic Paul Rosina and he made a pit stop the previous Saturday and diagnosed a few of the problems. My car sat in the driveway for eight days and I think it was hemorrhaging internally for sitting outside all those days. Ok, how about some good news? Paul worked his magic on this Saturday. All new thermals with build in ends, a new starter cable, battery and new starter. It now starts by just talking to it and rubbing its hood. He is the best since sliced bread. I have said it before and I will say it again. If it was not for Paul and his talents I would not have my car.

Also not to be outdone he made me a (*let's call it a black box*) which is a full on battery charger a picture is in the extra pages of this edition of BT.

Dues Experiment 2024

Dues Experiment 2024: First off I want to thank those members that adhered to my request for dues for 2024. Also, for the many of them that donated to BHFH their generosity was overwhelming. With close to a third of our members who have already paid and has saved the club a few bucks. The covering letter that used to accompany the renewal form is not in our extra pages of BT.

What's Up With The Show For 2024?

Our 2024 All Ford Show: I know it's early but we still have no date in October. We need to secure our funding for 2024 and now TONY wants to be involved and help Dennis and I make decisions on almost everything. I have reached a point in my life that all the pissing and moaning (*by you know who*) still bothers me. Not happy with this not happy with that. You would think that every once in a while after (17) shows that someone would step up and say "Thank You" They don't like the awards we picked or this year the parking of their Birds. Also, Ramp Ford which is now Pt. Jeff Ford has reached out to them about having a show at their dealership and we have not heard a word on what's going on. One more item: for those members in TONY that won at our last show who were unhappy with the license plates awards received additional trophies from TONY along with our awards at one of their monthly meetings. Wow was that was great why I didn't think of that

So stay tuned for the further adventures of the Long Island Bird People

FYI

It Stays in The Family

Ken Weinberg's 65 Thunderbird: Some good news for a change. Ken's Bird was recently sold to LITC member Ed Mirabella. We are happy and excited for Ed that Ken's Bird was going to one of our own members. We wish Ed all the luck in the world Also, on the front cover is Walter Strober's 2003 Retro bird for sale. We got lucky with Ken's maybe the same will happen for Walter.

In the next few paragraphs you will see what the Apollo is all about. I was lucky enough to see it in person it a few times over the years. It made a guest appearance in one of our Thunderbird Ford Shows going back a number of years. It's a unique automobile and only five were made for A & F for some of their locations.

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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

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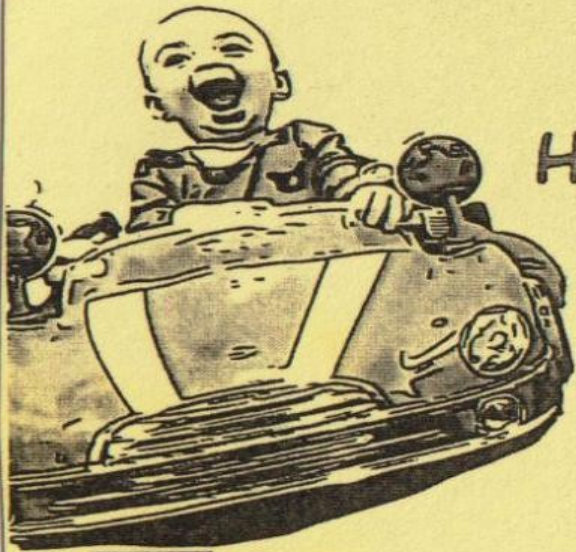
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MONDAY

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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

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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Wendy's Oakdale - Montauk Hwy & Locust Ave Sponsored by Still Crusin
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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 Ford Show Pt Jefferson Ford June 6th

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 3rd Annual Car Show

Saturday September 16th

Food & Toy Drive Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November 5th

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Membership/Renewal Application

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

Renewal _____ New Member _____

Dues: \$29.00 (Jan 1st-Dec 31st)

****Voluntary Contribution to Club's Charity Fund: \$10__ \$15__ \$20__ Other \$__**

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

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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
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Long Island T-Bird Club to:
Elliott Weiner
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Smithtown, NY 11787
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1967 Ford Thunderbird Apollo concept: Space Age Luxury for the Executive

Five Apollo concept cars were created for Abercrombie & Fitch to bolster traffic in their 5 flagship stores. The new 5th generation T Bird represented a major move up market as the Mustang had encroached on the Thunderbird market positioning. Ford was happy to provide A&F with the cars to generate publicity for the new generation model. The cars were finished in an exclusive Apollo Blue color, and sent to long-time Ford customizer Dearborn Steel Tubing Company for "enhancement" and finishing at a cost of \$15,000 per unit (about \$137,000 in 2022)

In addition to the special paint and vinyl roof there was a gold anodized grille emblem, landau S-bars and badge work. Stylistically, the cars were fitted with prototype ASC sunroofs because there was no convertible 5th generation T-bird as there had been with all previous generations. Ford hoped the sunroof option would appease open-air enthusiasts though it didn't become available until 1969. Also fitted were a quartz fog light, be-spoke wheel covers and a trunk-mounted antennae to support the numerous wireless devices. Inside there was a custom-built full length centre console including a radio-telephone, Philco color TV, and duel reading lamps. Of the 5 cars built one was destroyed in transit to the San Francisco store but at least 3 of the others are still known to exist.

Note some of the pictures in our extra pages of this edition of BT

2024 Club Dues is Due Now: Just a friendly reminder that your dues for 2024 are due now. Please complete the form in your package and mail everything to: Elliott Weiner at 87 Ruth Street Smithtown N.Y, 11787

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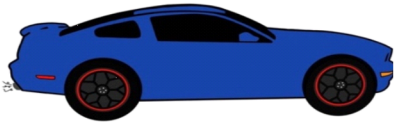
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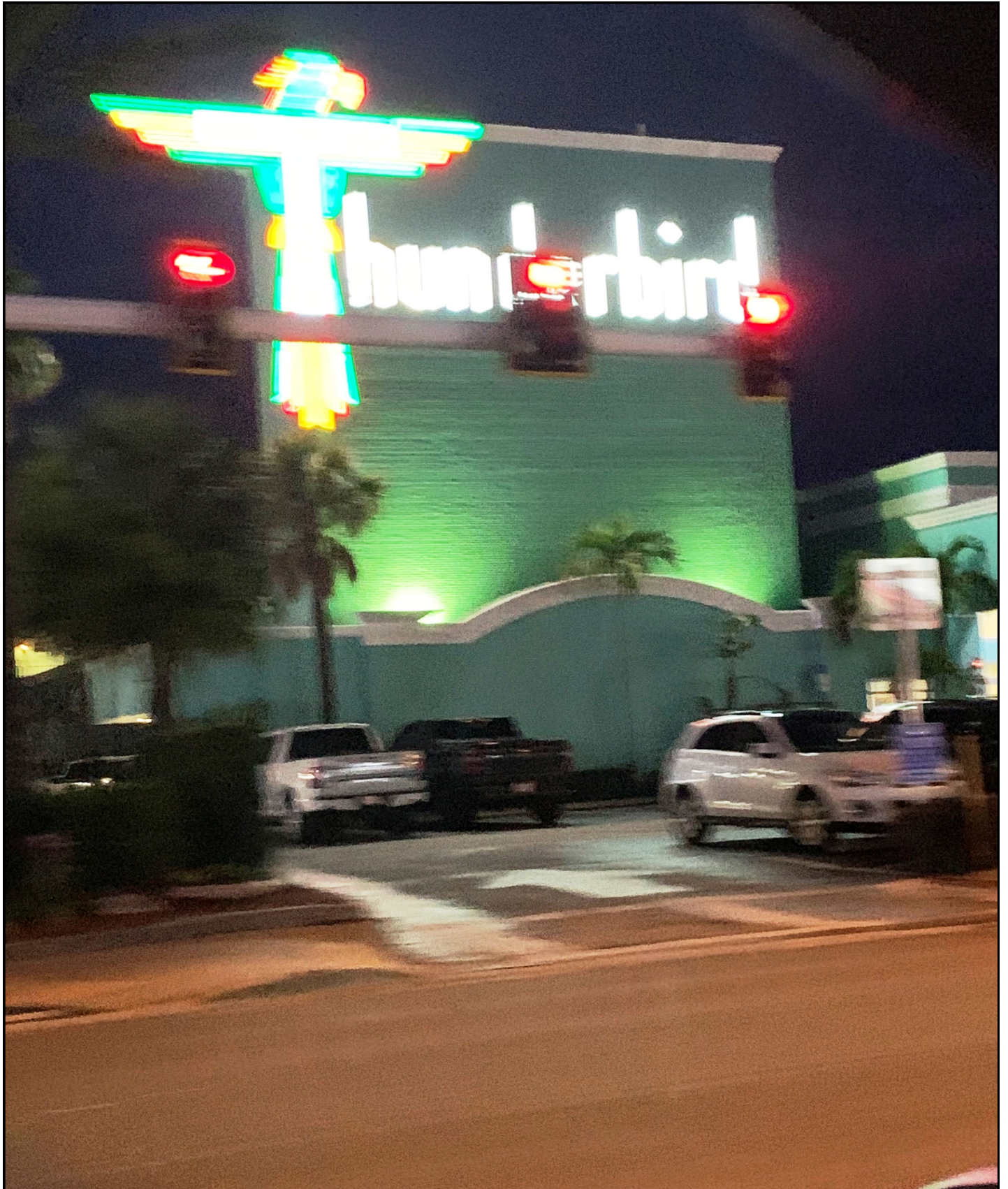
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Paul Rosina's battery charger



I was in St Petersburg FL with family for Christmas and on the way home was able to take a picture from the car as I drove by, Its not the best but maybe next year I will stop and get a better picture .



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