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MARCH 2024

Christopher Langer 2021 Mustang Mach 1

I found a special connection with my 2021 Mustang Mach 1—it's the ride where I learned manual, the throaty purr that brings joy, and the perfect blend of sportiness and comfort that makes every drive a delight. Bonus joy: it came with a track day at Ford Performance Racing School!



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El Presidente

Shalom:

We Have a Show Date
Sunday October 6 2024
& March is Detailing Month
&
Breakfast with the Boss
Sunday March 3rd

Hope all is well and safe

With much deliberation we have decided on Sunday October 6th with a rain date of October 13th for our Eighteen Annual Thunderbird Ford Show in Kings Park. Mr. Siben will partially fund us and we thank him. I also secured my neighbor who owns White Wolf Cesspool with his Father who will also partially fund us for a sponsorship towards the show. Rather than go into full show mode we are changing the way we do awards and classes. There are no classes this year, just the top fifty vehicles plus two best in show. A reason for the change was our funding. At this point in time, by losing our full sponsorship we cannot afford our judges. The good news is the Mustang Club has been using this format for a couple of years without too much pissing and moaning from the masses. The costs for entering the show will increase from twenty dollars pre registered to twenty five dollars day of show. The flyer will appear on page 9 starting with March BT thru and up until show time. I know it's early but please support the event, and in case you did not know that after expenses we donate the balance to what we collected to our charity: *Building Homes for Heroes*. Since 2010 we have donated over twenty five thousand dollars. Both clubs do not make any money from the show.

We realized that there will be other shows on our date but after seventeen years of running our show we know we have a following, and as long as Mother Nature is kind to us we should do well.

Breakfast with the Boss

Sunday March 3rd Breakfast with the Boss: South Bay Diner in Lindenhurst: For us this event has been an annual tradition for this club for many years. The time is now and Game time is 9 AM and dress is casual. If Mother Nature cooperates, bring your Thunderbird. The Diner is located on Sunrise Highway just east of Wellwood Avenue, and on the south side of the highway.

New Member & Old Friend

New Member & Old Friend: Jane Durgom Powers and her 64 Thunderbird convertible. Jane lives in Manhattan and we have known each other for years. Her 64 Bird is something special and hopefully we can get her to send me some pictures and an interesting bio for our front cover.

Carl Cirelli Our Classic Car Broker

Carl Cirelli Our Classic Car Broker and Now His Own Byline: Just recently I approached Carl to share some of his experiences and stories with us. His first article is in the extra pages of this edition of BT. I'm sure he has many, many stories and looking forward to future articles.

Air Power Museum in Farmingdale

Saturday July 13th & Rain Date July 20th

Air Power Museum in Farmingdale: We were invited a couple of years ago to the museum and I think all the members that participated enjoyed the event. We put our Thunderbirds close to the planes and museum took many pictures and we catered the event. We are attempting to do this again with two dates Saturday, July 13th and a rain date of Saturday July 20th. This year the cost is \$40.00 and the club is supplying lunch. As we get closer I will have more info for you.

Sunshine Lollipops Rainbows & Sweatshirts

Sunshine Lollipops Rainbows & Sweatshirts: I have had requests for club sweatshirts, hats etc. I do not inventory these items because of lack of room. However if you're interested in any of these items please contact me with your size and which one you want. I do not need money at this point in time

Front Cover

Front Cover/Chris Langer: It's Chris Langer and his 2021 Ford Mustang Mach 1 He states it's the car he learned to drive a stick on.

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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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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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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

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

ST Anthony Car Show Dix Hills Centurion Cruisers

Sunday June 23th 275 Wolf Hill Rd S Huntington

Collector Car Appreciation Day Friday, July 12th

Air Power Museum July 13th Sat - Rain Date 20th Farmingdale

Smithtown Rehab Center Wednesday August 14th -Rain 21th

391 N Country Rd Smithtown Hours 2-4 pm

Sat Aug 3rd Rain date Aug 4th Vanderbilt

Brick unveiling for Ken Weinberg Centerport

Mustang -Shelby Newins Ford

Sunday September Sat 8th and you will have to pre- regis-
ter -Rain Date Sun 9th

Thunderbird/Ford Show

@ Keyfood Shopping Plaza Kings Park

Sunday October 6th - Rain Date 13th

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What is your reason for joining _____ ?

Would you be willing to serve on any committees _____ ?

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A Brick for Ken

Sunday August 3rd with a Rain Date of August 4th @

The Vanderbilt Museum 10 AM – 2 PM

A Brick for Ken: On Saturday January 27th I ordered a brick from the Vanderbilt Museum in honor of the passing of Ken Weinberg. The unveiling is Saturday August 3rd with a rain date of Sunday August 4th at the Vanderbilt. Hours are 10:30 AM to 2 PM. We would like to make this event something special. Our Thunderbirds are invited and we will be placed on the great lawn. The cost is \$60.00 if you bring your Thunderbird and \$35.00 if you come with your daily driver or passenger in one of the birds, which includes a catered lunch drinks and desert. I don't have much info at this time but will update you as we get closer. I would love to have a great showing for this event and hopefully you will not disappoint me. This is still in the planning stage so stay tuned.

Up Evil in Dodge City

International Thunderbird Club Update: It's been a few years since I have gone to war again with **BARF**, but based on what's going with Mr. YKW I feel It's time to awaken the monster and beat him like an old rug as I have done in the past. In the extra pages of this edition of BT there is an email from a former ITC Board member and its self -explanatory. For those who do not know or remember, one point years ago we were an ITC Chapter, but because of **BARF** we left and so did a number of others, like Lehigh Valley, Wisconsin, Buffalo just to name a few of the fallen chapters. I promised myself I would not resist the temptation to put a "Z" in his shorts but I weakened and any time I can pour dirt on him I'm in. So kayos rains in the ITC Board members leaving and YKW loves every minute of it. Since his takeover he has ruined this National Club. No visibility on his part, no roster, and hey what's in the bank? Only the "Shadow" knows how many real members are in the club. He always threatens to step down and bang, he's back. Years back when all the crap was hitting the fan I was really upset with him and all my excellent memories of past conventions are just memories. I'm good now and I'm still using my old shovel for the dirt.

Ford Nationals – Carlisle Pa

Ford Nationals in Carlisle Pa/May 31 – June 2: I have pre- registered but I'm looking for a partner for the few days that I'm there. It's simple; we leave early on the 31st and return Sunday June 2nd. We stay at the Holiday Inn in Carlisle and on Saturday June 1st we meet with my friends from Lehigh Valley and Maryland Thunderbird Clubs for dinner. We share the expenses and have a freaking good time. If you're interested in playing Tonto, now is the time to reach out to me.

February 7th Club Meeting and a few special guests: On this day I invited John Dettori President of MSCLI to bring us up to date on a special project he is involved with. Also in the building were Frank Signareli and Bob Ceraso from TONY, who came along for the ride. Before we get to John and his new venture I talked about our show and its new format. I gave out flyers and three members signed up for the show. Paul and Felicia Rosina were the first along with John Candela and Jim & Tom DeNunzia I explained there will be no paid judges this year a savings of \$1,500 and the judging will be done by both clubs and we will need volunteers. About a month before our show I will give a judging seminar to show how we go about this. More info on John Dettori's project in next month's issue of BT.

March 13th Meeting at the Hauppauge Diner/Game Time is 7 PM: This year **Bob Maliszewski** will co host with me and discuss a few topics. Plus Bob, who is the detail business, will bring some products, and if we don't blow up the diner, he will try and demo what he uses and sells. There may even be a few giveaways.

Vintage Thunderbird Club International: This is my annual membership drive to get you to join our National Club of which we are a chapter. Not sure, but I think we have at least eight members of LITC who are members of VTIC. Their newsletter "Scoop" is outstanding with articles, tech tips, and many pictures of what's going on in our hobby. I have been to two National VTIC shows 2007 and 2019, both in New Jersey. Their annual dues are \$40.00 and it's worth every penny. The application to join is in our extra pages of this newsletter.

Sunday February 25th President's Council Meeting: This year's annual council meeting was hosted by the Olds Club at the Moose Lodge in Lindenhurst. This year there is a new council board of seven members who have replaced the old board of six guys. It appears on the surface there was some bad blood between the old and new. Rather than get into specifics it's still going on. Moving on to more news; our show will again run against Tobay on the same date as us. Not too concerned anymore because of our following. If you want to go to a show and wait two hours to get in and about the same to leave "go for it". This year the St Anthony's show is Sunday June 30th which we attend and support. What was interesting over the years was that each club contributed ten dollars to the hosting club for rolls, bagels, cookies etc but this year the cost was thirty dollars. Ten for this and ten for that and that, and the council explained why and moving forward that's what it will always be. The meeting took about three hours and the pissing and moaning was minimal.

April Meeting Reminder/Burger King in Farmingdale: Remember if our April 17th meeting gets canceled due to poor weather it will move to Wednesday April 24th.

Heads Up and Leaving Town: I will be heading south on Thursday March 7 and returning Monday March 11. I will be heading Wake Forest North Carolina to meet up with my Grandson Gavin and my son Marc. If some reason you need to contact me please call my cell or text me.

2024 Club Dues: It's simple - if you have not paid your 2024 club dues for this year, this will be your last newsletter. No reminders, begging etc.

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The year was 1957. I was eight years old and had already fallen in love with...automobiles.

I was home, sitting on the front porch of my home in Smithtown on a beautiful spring day, checking out the cars passing by on Old Willets Path. My goal was to identify the make, model and year of every car that whizzed by. And I could actually do that!

Imagine my surprise and delight when a gorgeous Raven Black 1957 Thunderbird slowed and pulled into my driveway! Gleaming in the sun, top down, and piloted by my sister Mary's wealthy boyfriend. I was speechless as I approached this masterpiece of automotive design, taking in its purity of line and rocket-like, striking good looks.

Marty, a dapper gentleman who was always impeccably dressed and coiffed, fingers wrapped around an elegant-looking Cuban cigar, noticed my uncontrolled joy and said: "Would you like to go for a ride?"

"Would I like to go for a ride?" Yes, Absolutely, positively! "Well hop in."

I slid into the passenger seat and was taken aback by the sheer beauty of the interior: a softly padded dashboard, with engine-turned aluminum surrounding a full array of instruments, including a...tachometer! Swooping, integrated armrests; telescoping steering wheel; floor-mounted shift. Stunning.

He started the engine, and that wonderful roar of the exhaust was music to my ears. He backed out of the driveway onto the road and asked me to put the gearshift lever in "D." Of course I will!

Off we went, heading to Jericho Turnpike, the main road of many towns, including Smithtown.

I remember the heady feeling as that powerful engine accelerated briskly. Marty negotiated the curves of the road skillfully, and as we approached the last few hundred feet before the intersection, he said: Let's see what she can do!"

He moved the shifter to "L" and floored the accelerator as he turned right onto Jericho...and as the car approached fifty miles-per-hour, he moved the lever to "D" for the up shifts to occur...

The thrill of that moment was exceeded only by what was to come about thirty seconds later, as I watched the speedometer needle climb to sixty...eighty...one-hundred...and, ultimately...one-hundred and fifteen miles-per-hour. I was awestruck!

Marty backed-off on the accelerator and judiciously applied the brakes as we approached the curve in the road that descends just before the LIRR overpass....

Footnote: I recently was fortunate enough to be asked to locate a new guardian for a...you guessed it... a Raven Black 1957 Thunderbird that is an exact duplicate of the one I took that fabulous ride in sixty-six years ago.

And yes, I did take that ride on Jericho Turnpike again.

My top speed shall remain confidential!

Please see the email from the "former NE District Advisor below. It should bring a smile to your face. It looks like the entire ITC Board and treasurer have resigned because Bart is up to his old tricks. As we have often discussed he will never, ever let go, unless he is no longer here. No ideas on that one guys! 🙄🙄🙄. So what happens next? This certainly looks like an opportunity for VTCI to take advantage of.

Skip

Greetings to all District 1 Northeast Members

I am sending out this Email to inform you of a recent development with our club directly from me.

We as board members and District Advisors have decided to **resign our positions** effective January 31,2024 from ITC District Advisor positions. We will remain club members as long as we decide to maintain our membership in ITC

Several months ago, our President Gerard (**Bart**) Bartasavich announced to the **7** board members that he and his wife Vera were going to step down from the Presidency and many other tasks they have been performing for ITC as of 12/31/2023.

At that point the 7 members had planned to divide up all the duties and still perform our District advisor roles effective on **January 1, 2024**. If some of you recall I sent out an e mail to ask for some assistance from some of you to get involved. We also put out a request in the last Script to ask for more help to run the club in the many areas that it takes to run ITC. We did get about **12 responses** to assist us. We would have been reaching out soon to discuss except for this recent change in our plan.

Our impression is that the current President doesn't feel that he can walk away and leave the Club in our hands. We asked him to remain on as **Ambassador** to aid with any questions that we may have while running run the club. Will we have a few hiccups, yes, will we learn from it absolutely. Thats the way it works. **Teamwork !!!**

The **transition** we had planned has **not gone smoothly** with Bart at all. Many unanswered Emails from us to them and we are **Still waiting for answers**. Some of those Emails were questions from some of you, our district members that we could not answer for you.

This club belongs to its **members and NOT** any **1-person or group**. It seems that's not how Bart treated it and wasn't going to step down anytime soon until it was up to his satisfaction. Its perceived he views this club as his own.

Any time a president or manger steps down they have a transition date. And they step away at that time. The new people take over on that date. The new officers take over as decided and run the company or club or COUNTRY.

Unfortunately, it appears that **Gerard (Bart) Bartasavich**, has decided to stay on as he is not satisfied with us and what we have done so far. Asking many unreasonable requests and unrealistic. He stated to us that he will find people to replace us. I find that very odd since he approached us to step up and run the club several months ago, **AND** we accommodated him. Where were those people when he asked us to take over the club. We are all very disappointed that it has come to this after many hours of trying to carefully put this transition plan together for the ITC Club.

If you have any ITC related questions, please reach out to Gerard (Bart) Barstasavich for assistance. Hopefully he will respond in a reasonable amount of time.

Respectfully,

Rich Dowd

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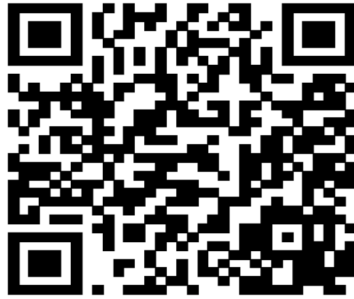
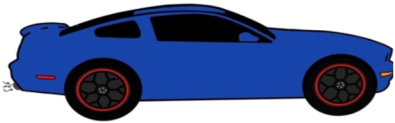
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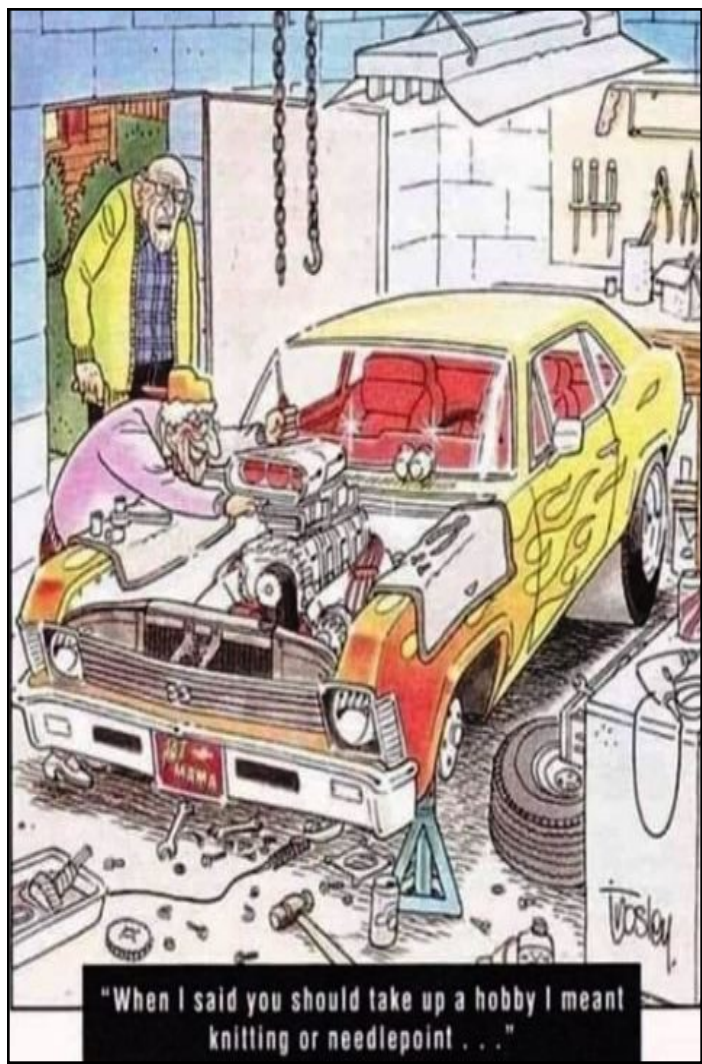
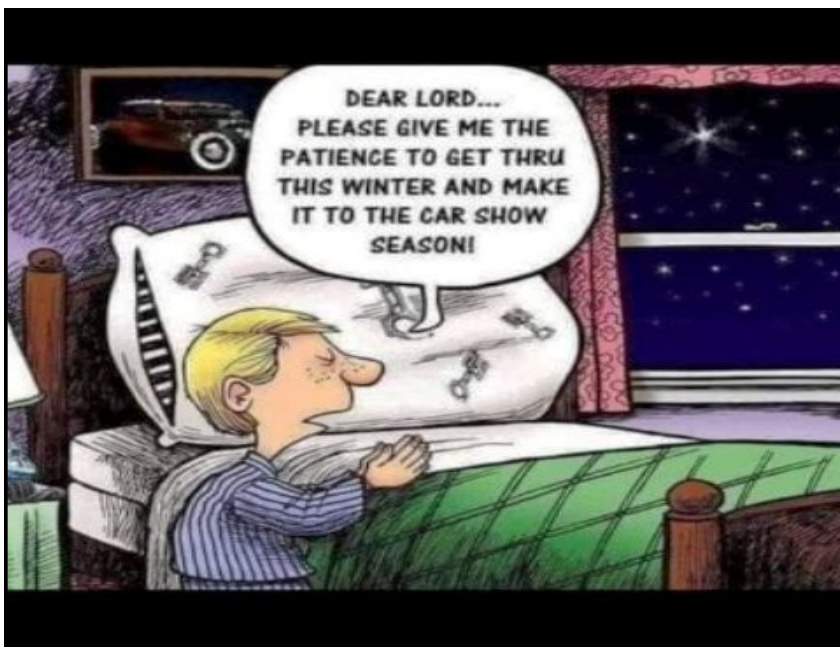


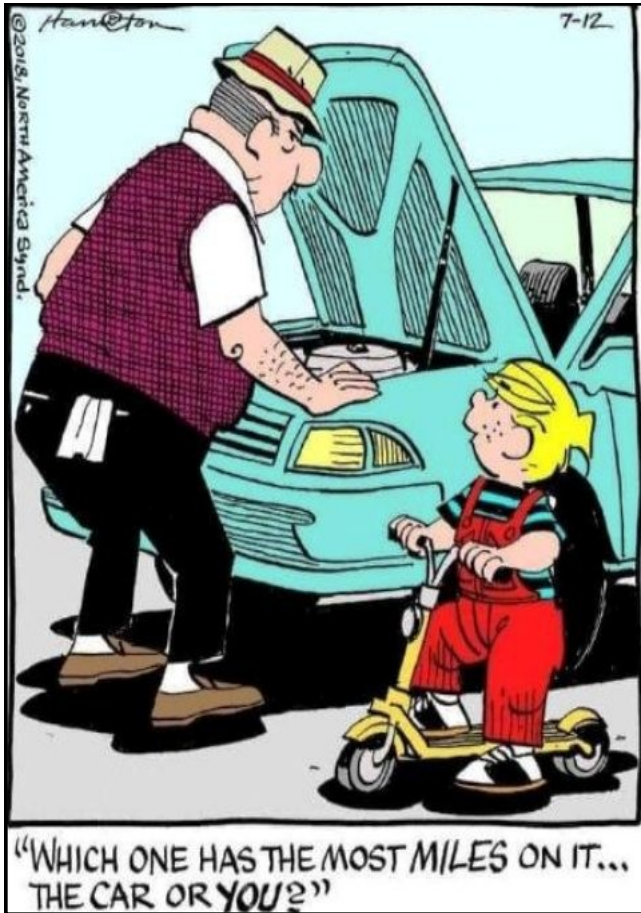
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