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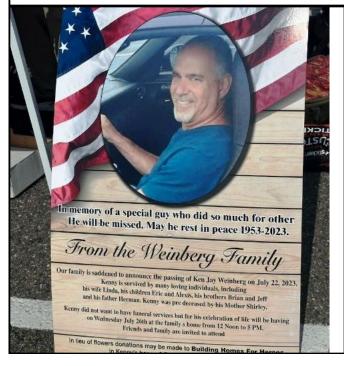


Building Homes for Heroes

We are grateful to share memories from Sundays beautiful car event, where &2,100 was raised to help support our mission to provide homes for our heroes.

Our deepest gratitude extends to Linda & Lexie Weinberg for joining us on this journey in memory of their beloved Ken Weinberg. Ken was a dear friend & supporter of our organization & has left a beautiful legacy of making a difference for our veterans & their families.

Avery special thanks to Elliott, the LITC & TONY clubs & Siben Attorneys at Law for supporting our heroes and mission.





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We Did It Again & We Support Enduring Care

For us the day begins at 6:30-7AM in the morning. We set up our tents and tables and get ready for the onslaught of cars and maybe even some trucks. It was a little soft at 8 ish but then the wave hit us and time to go to work. Our judges arrived about 9:30 and by 10 they were on the job doing what they do best. Mother Nature did her best to keep us comfortable with the temps around early to mid sixties. It did get a little windy about two ish and one tent almost hit Mr. Siben's Thunderbird. At least nine shows that day and Tobay Beach again, but it did not affect us and we had over 120 vehicles on site.

With at least a million shows for October 1 on Long Island we overcame, adapted and had another successful event. Seventy two vehicles day of show and fifty two pre-registered. Ken would be proud. We had license plates again for the awards honoring Kenny because of his passing in July. I invited Ken's wife Linda and daughter Lexi to join us along with his 65 Thunderbird convertible. I gave two special awards to them and of course Mr. Siben, our benefactor. And to my partner in crime since day one of this show goes to Dennis Benfante from TONY. A beautiful day in Kings Park and our 50/50 winner almost walked away with four hundred dollars. Ken Marden from Advance Auto donated two detail buckets, and Auto Zone three additional buckets. Pat McNulty from the MSCLI gave us six gift certificates to raffle off plus he handled the collection of the money for the 50/50. Also, Retro Bob from Illinois (TbirdBob.com) gave us two 1955 Thunderbirds to give away. John Candela from LITC donated a Thunderbird poster also as a giveaway. Two BP gas cards donated by Alan Leon where given to Joe Minahan, and Wes Rosen for the longest distance traveled.

I created some confusion with my show floor plan, but after people stopped yelling at me things calmed down. There were some forks in the shopping center with some interesting questions and complaints during the day but that comes with running an event like this. You cannot make everyone happy but be aware of the people you piss off.

Front Cover says it all

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Ken Weinberg

Front Cover: On or about the week of October 2nd I visited BHFH in Island Park to present them with two checks one for \$2,050.00 and the other was a donation from the show for \$100.00. I took a picture with Carolyn Paszke and their receptionist Melanie. Prior to our show date Carolyn gave me pins, hats, t shirts and a few hoodies to give out. It was great to meet and greet everyone. This year our show was dedicated to Ken Weinberg who passed away in July. His passing has left a big hole in my heart and his family. We put his name on the award plate so every time we see the plate we should not forget him.

Numbers: Baby Birds from TONY Big Birds from LITC were there. Not sure what we had for a few reasons. Dennis left the week after the show and headed south. He will return shortly and I will publish them in December

Volunteers

Our Volunteers: The Tent guys and gals. The day of show tent was **Dennis Benfante**, John **Karahalis** and **John Bianco**. The pre-reg tent manned with **Joe Marchione**, **Stan Matusewicz**, and with **Bob Ceraso**, who also supplied us with the much needed tables.

Bob Marketta "Mr. Music" was at his best keeping the tunes going all day. Bob also helped with the parking of the cars as did **Dan Burko**, **Mark Grodinsky**, **Billy Kiely Jr**, **Paul Rosina** and **John Cattonor** from **TONY and LITC**. Missing in action and showed up later was Bruce and Dianne Daly. Bruce, like me is a little under the weather.

Did I miss anyone? Yes, the best for last. **Steve Siben our Sponsor in Chief.** Without his donation and big heart there is a good chance we would not have our show. Steve has informed me that he has new partners and is not sure if they want to sponsor the show in 2024. Too early to figure we are done but let's hope for the best.

Our Judges/Endless Summer: Piss and moan all you want but, in my opinion, they did a great consistent job. You cannot make everyone happy, and everyone cannot win a trophy. Kudos to Jenn and Ralph for a job well done.

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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 16th

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

525 Smithtown By Pass See Ad Page 7

Wednesday January 18th

Wednesday February 15th

Wednesday March 15th

Wednesday September13th

Wednesday October 18th

Wednesday November 15th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

Frank Cardinale

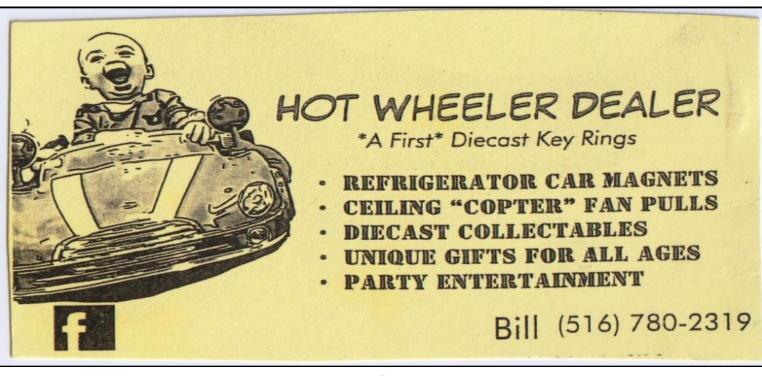
Dr Louis Cortegiano

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Billy Kiely

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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 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

St Patrick's School Car Show Smithtown

Sunday May 7th

National Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 21th Keyfood Shopping Center Kings Park

Ford Nationals Carlisle, Pa. June 1-4th

Mustang-Shelby Club of Long Island

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

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

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

Sunday September Sat 9th Newins Ford and you will have to pre- register -Rain Date Sun 10th

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

ST Anthony Car Show Dix Hills Centurion Cruisers

Sunday June 25th 275 Wolf Hill Rd S Huntington

Collector Car Appreciation Day Friday, July 14th

Smithtown Rehab Center Wednesday August 16th -Rain 23rd

391 N Country Rd Smithtown Hours 2-4 pm

Thunderbird/Ford Show

(a) Keyfood Shopping Plaza Kings Park

Sunday October 1 -Rain Date October 8th

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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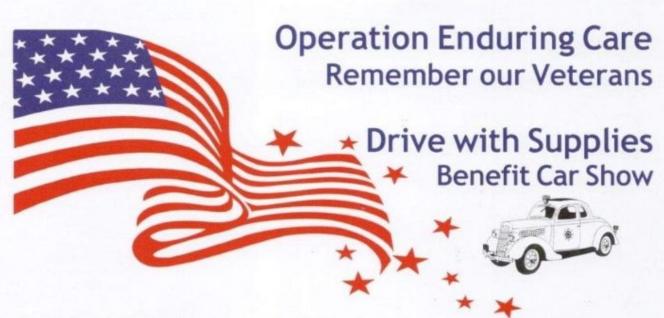
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DATE Sunday, November 12, 2023. rain or shine

TIME Starting at 9am until 2pm

WHERE Walt Whitman High School

301 West Hills Road Huntington Station, New York 111746

\$20 donation per vehicle

Dash plaques to first 100 vehicles, Awards presented.

We are collecting donations to benefit in-patients and Community Living Centers at the Northport V.A. Hospital, United Beacon House shelter and other transition and rehabilitation programs.

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Bedding and bath items including socks, gloves, slippers, knit caps, scarves ,t-shirts, new bath towels & washcloths, new twin & full size bedding, etc..

Cash and gift card donations are greatly appreciated too!

Breakfast and lunch available for sale at location by:



Operation Enduring Care tote bags & t-shirts for sale
For more info contact: Hank 516-650-9095 or Charlie 917-337-2234

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2023 Indoor Meetings: Just a heads up for next year. I will be visiting the Hauppauge Diner in November to reserve dates for 2024 in door meetings. Those dates and event calendar will be in our December issue of Bird Talk.

Operation Enduring Care

Sunday November 12, 2023

Sunday November 12th @ Walt Whitman High School for Operation Enduring Care: On page #9 of this newsletter is all the information you need to know to attend. We participated in this event last year and made a monastery donation to them we will be doing the same this along with some miscellaneous stuff. You can participate by bringing what they need or money if you like. This is a rain and shine event and hope to see you there.

Some Club Stuff: At our last meeting Carl Carilli one of our new members and advertiser asked me why we don't have a **Holiday Party**. I explained that we did some years ago but then the interest died. So my question of the 2024 club season do we want to have a Holiday party say in January of 2025 and maybe a **Club Picnic** in 2024 Please let me know your thoughts.

2024 Club Dues

2024 Club Dues: During the first week in December you will be receiving our annual dues renewal letter. Our dues are still \$29.00 and you could still make a donation to BHFH if you like by adding some *gelt* to your check.

OUR NEXT CLUB FUNCTION & MEETING

Wednesday November 15th

Wednesday November 15th at the Hauppauge Palace Diner: The address is 525 Smithtown by Pass in Hauppauge. First pitch is at 7 PM.

Reminder

Reminder: Because of the Holidays in December there is no club meeting

BEST IN SHOW AWARDS

...went to Steve Chernow with his 1967 Cougar

...went to Al Cuillo with his Shelby GT 500 from the Mustang Shelby Club of Long Island

LITC WINNERS ARE

| First Place | Second Place | Third Place |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Jim & Tom DeNunzio | Kurt Langer | Rich Kamin |
| Ron Kohlmann | Chirs Langer | |
| Billy Kiely Jr | | |
| Joe Minahan | | |
| John Karahalis | | |

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L.I.THUNDERBIRD CLUB NEXT INDOOR MEETING

DATE: Wednesday November 15th

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE Hauppage Palace Diner

See ad page 7 for directions



Linda & Lexi Weinberg and Ken's 65 Thunderbird



Steve Siben and Billy Kiely and his 2005





Rich Moriarty from TONY and Pat McNulty & Al Ciaiolli









Mr. Siben's 57 & new Mustang



Kurt Langer 61 Bird & Sal Peratta from TONY taking pics





Mustang Row and Paul Rosina





Model T & Ford Edsel





Left to right Walter Stoeber, Hank Parkinson



TONY volunteers at the pre reg tent

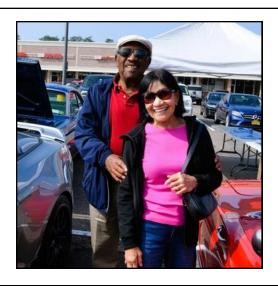
Dennis Benfante & John Karahalis

Left to right Dianne & Bruce Daly, Stan Matusvwicz, Mark Grodinsky Bob Ceraso





James Clayton from the Bronx & Joe Marchine from TONY



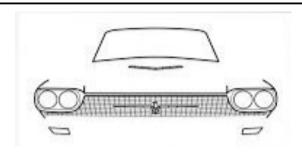


A painting given to BHFH at their HQ In Island Park

Our DJ Bob Marketta AKA "Mr Music"







CAR CRAZY CORNER

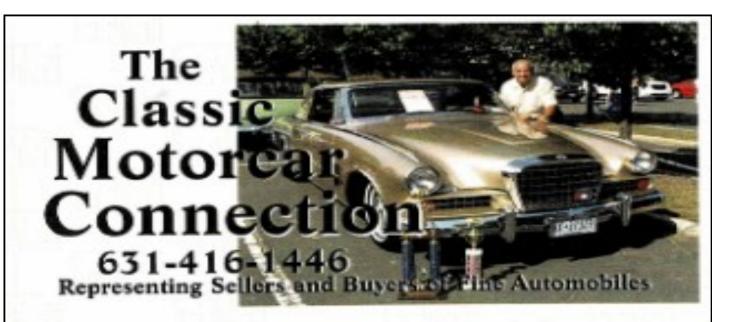
BY TONY COLONERI

RE: CLASSIC AUTOMOBILES

Hello everyone. Just thought Id add a few lines to break up the usual happenings related to our club. As some of you may know, if not, I have been a member of the LITC for many years. Hail to our leader Elliott. He is always on the move and handles it well. Anyway, I think our readers might find it interesting to see new information, in the newsletter, related to our hobby. So I will give it a try. During my travels I came across a website that has a data base showing the results from various auctions in the US. The most recent listings show current offerings as well as sale price. You can enter the year, model, etc. and will be surprised as to how many auctions exist. There are also many comments about the various offerings. I found it quite interesting to see many of the initial offers of which were very low. I guess they think the person selling might take if in a desperate situation.

OK, here it is.. www.classic.com

I hope you find the website useful, and would welcome your feedback. Tony



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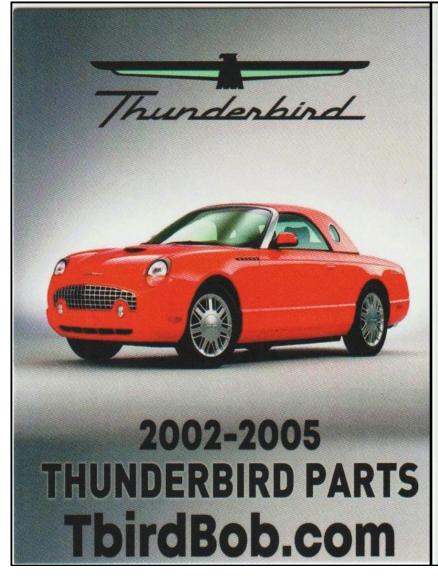
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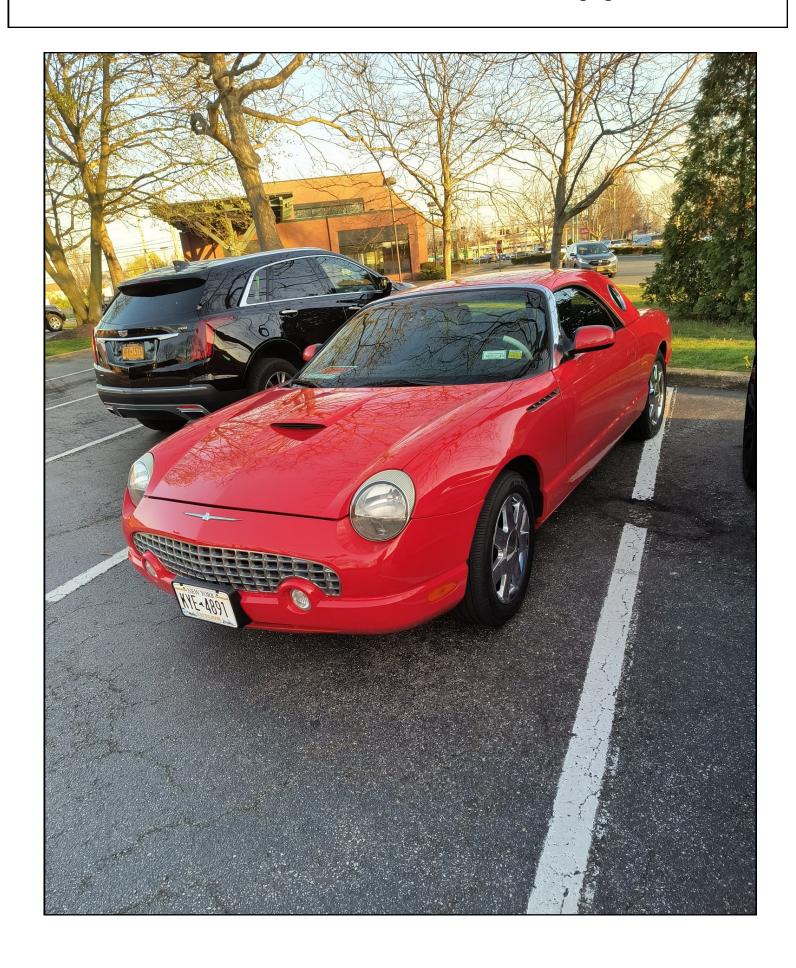
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