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Matt Gullo 2004 Thunderbird

This car was purchased from Rare Rides Dealership, I always liked the look of the retro birds and recently sold my 1982 Buick Riviera convertible which put me in the market. I found the car on eBay and as Rare Rides was located in North Carolina I used Lemon Squad to have it checked out. The car had 12,500 CarFax certified miles and Lemon Squad's report came back without any issues. I replaced the tires as they were original to the car, and I want to replace the hoses, serpentine belt, etc. that are also original to the car. The car is very clean, all options appear to work, and it rides exceptionally well, I look forward to many years of pleasure with the car.



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El Presidente

Shalom:

Welcome 2025

February 14th – Valentine Day

Next Meeting Wednesday February 5th

Dues is Now Due \$30.00

Hope all are well and safe. Looking forward to 2025 and the events we have planned. First is our Breakfast with the Boss on Sunday March 2nd with a new location which is the Hauppauge Palace Diner, (South Bay Diner has closed their doors) and trying to get creative with May 18th Thunderbird Appreciation Day. Our first outdoor meeting is at BK or ? in Farmingdale in April and then pizza night in June at Gino's in KP. So stay tuned.

Some Confusion

There appears that there is some confusion in regard to 2025 club dues. I increased our dues by a dollar to \$30.00 and I think one of the problems is our club application on page #9 which still shows \$29.00. I have spoken to Art and as of this Bird Talk it is fixed. So moving forward our annual club dues is \$30.00. If you have not paid this year's dues please make your check payable to Long Island Thunderbird Club and mail it to

Elliott Weiner

87 Ruth Street

Smithtown, N.Y. 11787

Ford Nationals 2025 Carlisle Pa

Ford Nationals June 6-8 Carlisle Pa. 70th Anniversary of the Thunderbird & Family Reunion: I said in my infinite wisdom that going to Carlisle again is out of the question, and I'm a hundred years old and at this stage of my life I can only hobble. However, I just pre registered for the event and I'm looking for a partner to help me navigate the hills and valleys of Pa. Two years ago it was Tom Doherty from LITC and I believe he had a good time. He got to meet all my buddies from Lehigh Valley, MATC, and North Jersey Thunderbird Clubs. Because it is the 70th Anniversary of our cars we should have a prime spot on the show field. I know it's early but if you would like to spend a few days with the Boss now is the time to stand up and let your voice be heard.

If you want more info and want to talk about it just reach out to me.

New Member

New Member: Let's welcome Frank DeCuzzi from Deer Park with his 2004 Retro. We met Frank during the summer at the Airpower Museum in Farmingdale.

Belated Happy Birthday

Belated Happy Birthday: A belated Happy Birthday to new member Matthew Gullo who joined us last month but missed the cutoff for last month's Bird Talk

Sad News

Sad News: Long time Club member Sal J Canale passed away on Sunday December 22nd at his home in Queens. Sal had been ill for awhile but when he was active we always saw him at our Holiday parties and the get togethers .

Happy Happy Birthday Big Bird

February 26, 1976: You ask what is so important about February 26, 1976. It's the Birthday of 1 Big Bird. One of my friends posted on Facebook that his 1985 Mustang was having a BD and I said to myself why not. I looked at my Marti report and there it was!

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LITC Scheduled Outdoor Meetings 2025

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Wednesday April 16th-Burger King Farmingdale

Sunday May 18th Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Wednesday June 18th 6:pm

Ginois Restaurant Kings Park Plaza

July TBA

August TBA

LITC Scheduled Indoor Meeting 2025 Thru March

LITC meets Wednesdays starting at 7 PM

Hauppauge Palace Diner

525 Smithtown By Pass See Ad Page 7

Wednesday January 8th

Wednesday February 5th

Wednesday March 12th

Wednesday September 17th

Wednesday October 15th

Wednesday November 12th

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Main St East Rockaway @Villa Marcia Restaurant 6pm

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 2025

All dates to be updated when confirmed

Breakfast with "The Boss"

Sunday March 2nd Hauppauge Palace diner

Easter Parade- Garden City—April 20th

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

National Thunderbird Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 18th Keyfood Shopping Center Kings Park

Mustang Ford Show at Smithtown Ford

May 18th Sunday

Ford Nationals Carlisle, Pa. June 6th – 8th

ST Anthony Car Show Dix Hills Centurion Cruisers

Sunday June 29th 275 Wolf Hill Rd S Huntington

Collector Car Appreciation Day Friday, July 11th

Smithtown Rehab Center Wednesday August TBA

391 N Country Rd Smithtown Hours 2-4 pm

Mustang –Shelby Club -Newins Ford a Pre Register Event

Sunday September Sat 7th—Rain Date Sun 8th

Must pre register

Mustang-Shelby Club at the Vanderbilt Museum

October 26th Sunday

Must pre register

Food & Toy Drive Brookhaven Town Hall

Sunday, November TBA

Operation Enduring Caring Sunday November 9th

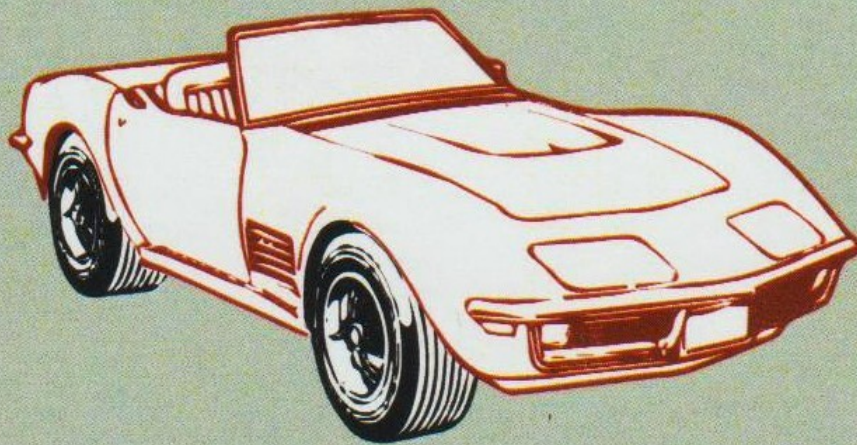
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How did you hear about LITC _____ ?

What is your reason for joining _____ ?

Would you be willing to serve on any committees _____ ?

Car Info

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Year _____ Model _____ Color _____

Please enclose a color photo of your car (optional)

**Mail completed application
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Elliott Weiner

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Smithtown, NY 11787

516-445-2630

Email: Bigbird1900@aol.com

Saddle Up Partner

VTCI/CTCI Convention in September 9 – 13 in Grapevine Texas: It's a wee bit early but I want to give all of you a heads up on what's going with the two National Thunderbird Clubs. For those who are not familiar with the CTCI, (Classic Thunderbird Club International) they basically cater to the Baby Birds 55, 56 and 57, and lately they have weakened and now address the Retro Birds as real Thunderbirds. How cosmopolitan is that? The two clubs have gotten together and this year the convention is in Grapevine Texas a stone's throw from "Remember the Alamo" where Fess Parker played Davy Crocket. Not a lot of info now but as we get closer I will update you. For me not sure; Texas is a million miles away actually over 1,600 miles away and the cost would prohibitive for yours truly, but eight to ten miles to a gallon, and you do the math. However, if it was transported that would be another story. Still to new to address to get specific. In the extra pages of this issue there is more info.

Mustang Shelby Club of Long Island 2025

Mustang Shelby Club of Long Island/2025: Another early heads up with their show calendar for 2025 and dates are subject to change

April 20th Mustang Day in Stony Brook

May 18th Smithtown Ford

June 8th Port Jeff Ford

September 7th Newins Ford Bay Shore – Pre Reg

October 26th Vanderbilt Museum – Pre Reg

1 Big Bird Model

Big Bird Model: About a year ago a good friend of mine Skip Panowitz from Mid Atlantic Thunderbird Club informed me that they are making a model of my Thunderbird in large and small scale. I ordered two of each, one for me of each scale and one for my Grandson Noah who loves cars. Well on X Mass eve Skip send me a text that it is almost here. In extra pages there is a photo of what it looks like. Over the years Skip has been my go to guy when it comes to Thunderbird memorabilia and such and I thank him.

January 8th Club Meeting

January 8th Our Monthly Meeting @ The Diner: Considering the weather it was really cold a nice turn out of Bird People, and was really entertaining was Al Braunreuther owner of Smithtown Auto Trim, our guest speaker. I have known Al for many years because he has done work on Big Bird and except for his expertise in what he does he threw in a few yuks to boot.

New Advertiser

Also, Al is our new Advertiser for Bird Talk and his ad will appear in this edition of Bird Talk. He is located on 390 E Jericho Turnpike Smithtown N.Y. 117874, just behind Hertz Rent a Car. He runs a very clean and neat operation with many bays to accommodate customers He knows his stuff and I have known him for over ten years. In 2019 when I was leaving for Princeton New Jersey for the VTCI Convention he fixed my driver's seat so it would look normal. Al is always open for consultation....

Front Cover

Front Cover/Matthew Gullo: Welcome new member Matthew Gullo and his 2004 Retro Bird and a few lines why he bought his Bird.

President's Council Meeting Sunday February 23rd: As most of you know, this is an annual event which all or most of the thirty some odd car clubs on Long Island participate. The drill is simple, they try 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. In the past the hosting club will offer a stale roll or bagel and some liquids and it would cost us ten bucks and we paid it. Now the anti is up to thirty dollars and as of today I refuse to pay it. This whole exercise is a total waste of time and because of the increase, there will a lot of pissing and moaning on that Sunday. For the first time in years I just may stay home and watch my cartoons. It could be the biggest circus yet.

Some Events to Look Forward To

March 12th Meeting Reminder: Will be our annual detail night. This will be my night to talk about ceramic coating, and let's throw in some judging tech help.

Sunday May 18 Thunderbird Appreciation Day: With both thunderbird Clubs participating.

Sunday June 8th – 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.

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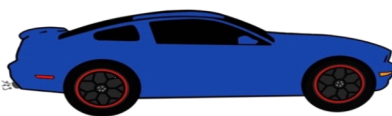
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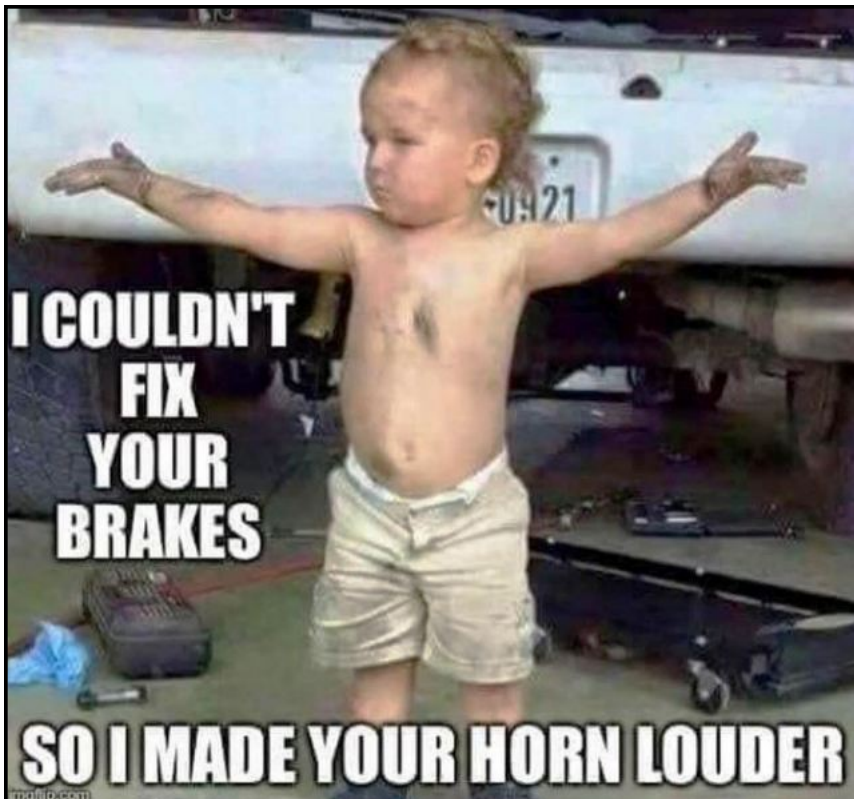
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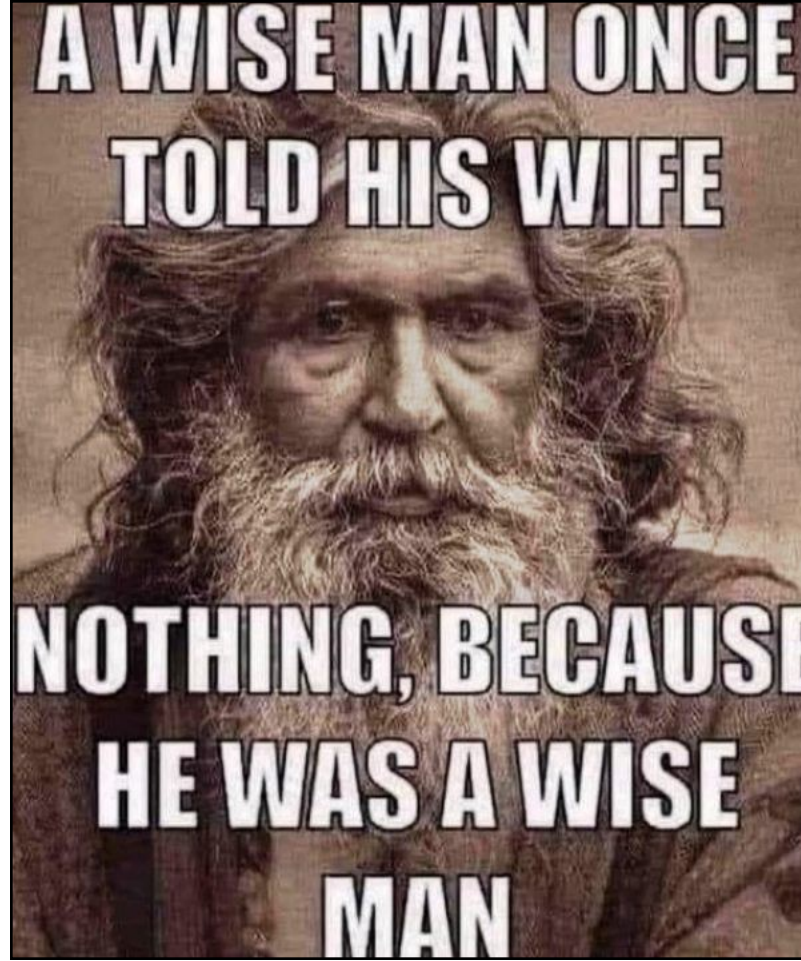
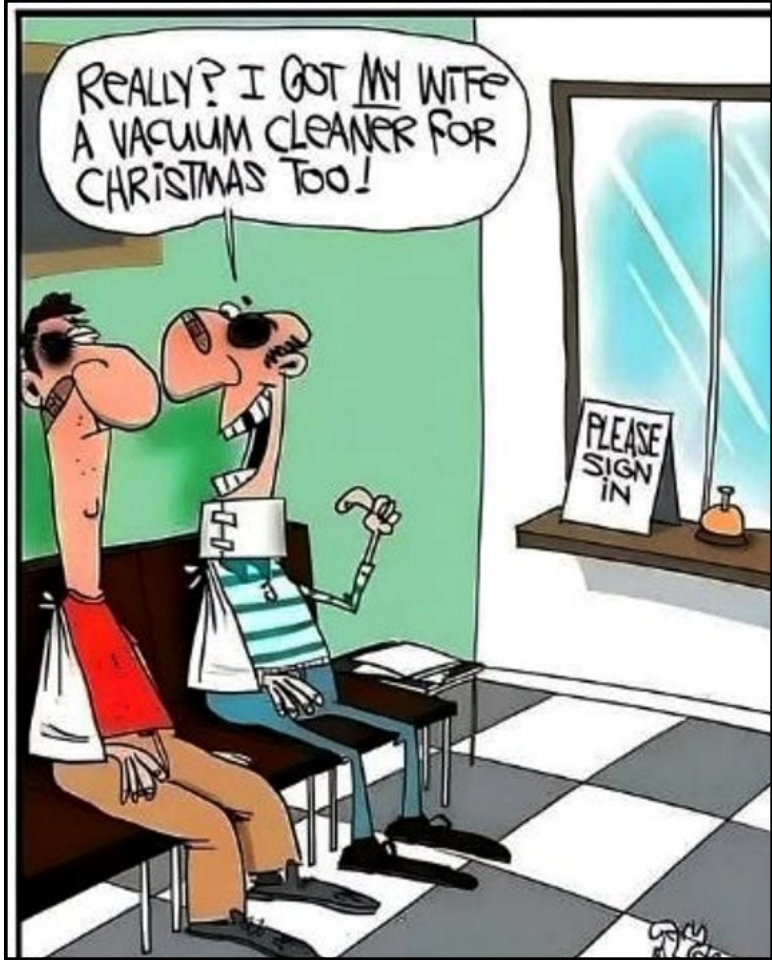
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