

Thunderbird Owners of New York

February 5, 2024

Monthly Meeting Notes

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*Our February 2024 meeting kicked off with 21 members in attendance. After the Pledge of Allegiance lead by our club President, **Stan Matusewicz**, our ex-vice president, **Dennis Benfante** let us know we still have \$2,578.27 in our treasury. He also reminded those present that dues are due for this year. They are still only \$20.00 per member and \$25.00 per family. A bargain in today's day and age.*

*Dennis also suggested we make **Dianne Daly** a Life Time Member in respect to the passing of her husband, long time member, Bruce who just passed away. The club also voted to give a \$200.00 check to the Islip Fire Dept. in Bruce's name, since Bruce was also a member of that fire dept.*

*Stan and myself, began a discussion about **Mike Tinnirello's** Thunderbird and the problems that Stan has now come across in installing a rebuilt engine in Mike's car. After a long period of time waiting for the engine, it looks like the rebuild is not good. Oil is not getting up to the rocker shafts. Cam bearing alignment/ installation as well as clean oil passages is critical in these engines. What a bummer!!*

*Next up, **Dennis Benfante** said he was in discussion with the Brightview Assisted living facility for us to once again display our cars there, as we did in 2023. They were great in giving us both breakfast and lunch. A nice way to spend some time with the older generation.*

We then began talking about the yearly Ford car show we will hold in October on the 6th. This year things will be different in an attempt to get more money to our charity, "Homes for Heros." No professional judges this year, we'll be looking for members to judge, saving almost \$1,000. We will also give out only 50 trophies to the top 50 cars at the show. Those winners will be a mix of different cars/classes. Also, only the 1st 100 cars will get t-shirts (instead of 200 shirts which were handed out in the past.) I'm sure there will be discussions and changes before October. Keep in mind, all these changes are to get more money to "Homes for Heros". The judging also will be electronic possibly, like the Mustang Show does. We will be in contact with them to learn how it's done. I'm sure there will be a lot of comments on these changes.

Next, **Allen Leon** brought up that only 11 people signed up for the Jersey Boys Show that he had set up with the theater. The cut off for signing up for this show is **Thursday, FEBRUARY 8TH.**

Allen once again was ready with another good tech session. This month he discussed the bolts and screws used on our Thunderbirds. Hardware - thread, hardness, different usages as well as the technique on threading holes, taps, dies etc. He showed the tools to use for either tapping holes or threading bolts etc.
Thanks, Allen

The meeting came to an end at 8:35 P.M. with the 50/50 (\$31.00) won by **Bob and Kathy Groen.**

