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## OCTOBER 2023

### NEXT Meeting

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
**...our club's ALL-FORD car show**

King's Park Key Food Shopping Venter  
58 Indian Head Road, Kings Park, New York 11754

Go early to help set up – 7 a.m. or earlier call Dennis

(up-coming events/meetings: Nov.6; Dec 4); Jan.7



Joe Nolan's Torch Red 1957 Thunderbird – on cover of C.T.C.I.'s Early Bird Magazine



# THUNDERBIRD AND ALL FORD CAR SHOW - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023



...have you registered?

## OUR CLUB'S ANNUAL THUNDERBIRD AND ALL FORD CAR SHOW ALL FORD CLASSIC CAR SHOW

**Club Car Show – Sunday, OCTOBER 1, 2023** (Rain date: October 8)

THE LONG ISLAND THUNDERBIRD CLUB AND THUNDERBIRD OWNERS OF NEW YORK PRESENT THE 16TH ANNUAL SIBEN & SIBEN ATTORNEYS AT LAW THUNDERBIRD & ALL FORD CAR SHOW

Registration Info: Pre-Register: \$15.00 Day of Show: \$20.00 Voluntary Donation to Charity: \$5\_\_\_\_ \$10\_\_\_\_ \$25\_\_\_\_  
Other \$\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to Dennis Benfante and send to: 15 Foxcroft Lane, East Patchogue, NY 11772

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(check one) - Large \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

Food and restrooms on site ■ 50/50 drawing ■ Door Prizes

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023 - **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (Rain Date October 8<sup>th</sup>) 58 Indian Head Road, Kings Park, New York 11754  
(in the Key Food Shopping Center)

Portion of the proceeds to Building Homes for Heroes - Vendors welcome –

Call ahead Contacts: Elliott Weiner, 631-724-3756 or Dennis Benfante, 631-447-3847

Music by: DJ Bob Marketta - Judging by Endless Summer -Awards in all classes - 50/50 - door prize

**Our Club By-Laws say that October is the time for nominations for the 2024 calendar year -**

- **Position of President, Vice President and Newsletter Editor is open. Discussion at car show.**

### OCTOBER CAR SHOWS:

1st	Sunday	All Ford Car Show by LI T-Birds and T.O.N.Y @ Key Food	Kings Park	10/8/2023	631-724-3756
1st	Sunday	Studebaker & Orphan Car show @ Centerport Beach Club	Centerport	None	631-834-6785
2-6th	Tue-Fri	Hershey Fall AACA Swap Meet and Car Show	Hershey PA	None	
8th	Sunday	Car Show/Swap Meet by LI Street Rods @ Wicks Rd	Brentwood	10/15/2023	516-241-9090
8th	Sunday	Car Show Benefitting Toys for Tots at the Vanderbilt Museum	Centerport	10/15/2023	631-872-4305
8th	Sunday	Car Show Benefitting Alzheimers by Fabulous 50's 60's Car Club	Medford	10/15/2023	631-402-2798
15th	Sunday	Car Show Fundraiser for AmVets & VFW @ Amvets Hall	Ronkonkoma	10/22/2023	631-624-0982
15th	Sunday	Car show for Cancer Research by LI Metro Packards @ Tanner Park Copiague		TBD	631-926-0138
15th	Sunday	Car Show Benefit by Fabulous 50's 60's Car Club	Medford	10/22/2023	631-402-2798

More listings, car shows - lower part - thanks to

[https://www.vanderbiltcupraces.com/blog/article/upcoming\\_automotive\\_events\\_on\\_long\\_island#](https://www.vanderbiltcupraces.com/blog/article/upcoming_automotive_events_on_long_island#)

## **MEMBER REPORTS: CLUB EVENTS ATTENDED:**

### **BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS**

Well, our club had another breakfast get together on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hauppauge Diner. As in the past, we had the back room, so we all sat together. We had a very good turn-out, **26 people** showed up, even though the weather did not cooperate this time, so no one brought their little bird. Then, wouldn't you know it, after everyone finished eating and began leaving, the sun came out! No matter what the politicians say, we really can't control the weather.

Pray the weather is MUCH better for our picnic in September.

**JOHN CATTONAR T.O.N.Y. CLUB SECRETARY**

### ***THUNDERBIRD OWNERS OF NEW YORK—PICNIC 2023***

***Prepared by: John Cattonar, T.O.N.Y. Club Secretary***

Sunday, September 17th, we held our yearly T.O.N.Y. picnic at the Belmont Lake State Park in Babylon. It was a nice sunny cool, comfortable day. This year we had it catered for the first time ever, which made it really easy for all that came. We did shoot for 40 people to show up but we only had 32 members and family. There was certainly plenty of food, with lots left over which members were able to take home.

After everyone had their fill, **Allen and Teresa Leon** held a Trivia Contest among 3 groups of members with some tough questions about the 1950's and 1960's. Then, Allen handed out N.Y.S. Lottery tickets to the winners and even to the losers. No one won zip, except New York State. Before everyone hit the road, we all thanked **Allen and Teresa Leon** for all the work they did to make this a successful picnic. Around 4:00 P.M., most people headed for home.

#### **MEMBERS WHO DROVE THEIR T-BIRDS**

Dennis Benfante red '57  
Allen Leon white '57  
Joe Nolan red '57  
Sal Perrotta black '56  
Ed Ceraso black '57  
John Cattonar blue '57  
Pat Scomello yellow '55  
Edwin Correa blue '56

#### **MEMBERS WHO DROVE LATE MODEL T-BIRDS**

Bob Ceraso turquoise '02  
Larry Werkstell red '02

P.S. Final killing score, me 8, Arlene 5, yellow jackets 0.

PHOTOS, of the Picnic, taken by Sal Perrotta, are on the club web-site – thank you, Sal!:

<https://thunderbirdownersofnewyork.godaddysites.com>

**From Dennis – “ A STORY ON MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS:”:**

Comradery (yes I had to look up the correct spelling) is a word I recently experienced. At one of our meetings I mentioned to Frank Signoriello that my car was running a little rough. Frank told me that he would look at it at an upcoming outdoor meeting. Although Frank brought what he needed to do this, I was unable to stay after the meeting to check it out. So Frank contacted me to let me know that he was going to be in the Patchogue area and would be able to stop by to see what was up. We were able to connect and he came to my house with some gauges and a timing light. After diagnosing the problem and attaching the gauges, (vacuum and tach& dwell) he handed me the screwdriver and proceeded to instruct me to on how to make the necessary adjustments. (HANDS ON) Now the timing light....after we (HE) determined the correct mark he adjusted the distributor to correct the timing. Needless to say, she's running much better thanks to Frank's expertise. The bottom line is our club experts come through to help us who are less experienced. A special thanks to Frank for his time and knowledge in assisting me with my problem. Dennis

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Tom Grippa – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Allen Leon – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Bruce Daly 8<sup>th</sup>  
Geppie DeSimone 12<sup>th</sup>  
Ed Ceraso 13<sup>th</sup>  
Bob Ceraso 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ronald Kohlmann – 16<sup>th</sup>  
John Cattonar 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Tony Cardone – 31<sup>st</sup>

**WHEELS ‘N DEALS**

- **FOR SALE: Eight Cylinder Heads for a 292 Engine - in good re-buildable shape  
contact: Tony Cardone: 631-473-7929**
- **FOR SALE: Original ‘in the package’ ignition points for distributor – for ‘57 Thunderbird -  
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Happy t-birding!

A. Swenson 9-22-23