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Tell us if you have a Birthday in  
January that we missed !  
Please call (610) 434-2777

# Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club

## THUNDERWORD

January 2014

### Club Elections

Club elections take place on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at our first General Meeting of 2014. If you cannot attend the election meeting, please send your ballot to Tom Hollenbach a.s.a.p., so your vote can be counted. Tom will count all ballots in his possession at 7:30pm that evening and announce the New Club Vice-President, Secretary and Board Members.

We also need another volunteer for the Board of Directors. You must be a member of the club for a minimum of one year, prior to the election. Please contact Tom Hollenbach and let him know you want to run.

Ballot can be found on page 9 of the December newsletter. Ballots will be available at the meeting. Only one ballot per member family is permitted.

**AUTOMANIA 2014**  
**January 17 to 19, 2014**  
**Allentown Fairgrounds**

### Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was a very fun time, even though it did snow. Fortunately the snow started to accumulate in the later part of the afternoon, after everyone arrived.

As usual, Sandi and Walt did an outstanding job of setting up the party, adding all the 'little touches' and paying attention to all the details that make the event special. From all of us in attendance, Thank You !



Dwayne wearing his Turkey Hat

**For the Latest Information on Club Events, Call our Message Center at (610) 218-1500**  
**Hemmings Website: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/lehighvalleythunderbird/>**

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## President's Message

Seasons Greetings Fellow T-Birder's,

Barb and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year !

Many thanks go out to Jerry Engle, our past President, for his excellent leadership and guidance with our club over the past three years. You have been a true inspiration for this club.

For those of you that missed the Christmas Party at the Best Western, you really missed a good time! I hope to see new faces at our activities this year, you won't regret it!

Thanks to Walt and Sandi Fries for all your hard work in planning the Christmas Party.

Congratulations to Vince Luppino for being honored with the 2013 Joe Stringer Award. Well deserved Vince! It would be great if more members become involved in the New Year with the club. This is your club and we have a lot of fun !

Happy T-Birding !  
Mike Melnyk, President

\*\*\* Remember to check our message center for updates and/or cancellations @ 610-218-1500 \*\*\*

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## A Message from the Board

Elections are just a few days away. Please take the time to vote and attend the meeting. We have some good people running and we know that there are more among us that would like to participate in the club board too, so don't be bashful, come on out and be counted! This is your club, run for office, run for the Board, volunteer to coordinate an event or car show. Be a part of the Club.

Also, we need suggestions and ideas for the 2014 season. Last year we endeavored to do more local events and to work with local churches as well. We saw an increase in participation and we would like to see that trend continue. If you know of any local events you would like the club to attend or be involved with, speak up and let the Board know the details.

We look forward to seeing you this New Year!

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## A Message from the Editors

This year we decided to "play a game" called "MYSTERY TOM". We will provide clues for you to use to identify the Year and Model of a Thunderbird, along with exterior and interior color, powertrain and one or two factory options. A prize of "Unspeakable Value" will be given to the winner. Winner must provide Year, Model, Exterior/Interior Colors, Powertrain Option and two Factory options as chosen by the editors.

### First Clue:

In it's six year production run, Ford built 128,533 units with the last year having production figure of 35,271 units. This vehicle was built in the last year of the production run.

Good Luck !

## Upcoming Shows and Events



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
January 7, 2014	General Meeting and Club Elections	Old Country Buffet 1245 Whitehall Mall Whitehall, Pa 18103
January 17 to 19, 2014	AUTO -MANIA 2014	Allentown Fairgrounds 302 N. 17th Street Allentown, Pa 18104 (610) 433-7541
January 28, 2014	Board Meeting	Borderline Restaurant
February 4, 2014	General Meeting	Old Country Buffet 1245 Whitehall Mall Whitehall, Pa 18103
February 25, 2014	Board Meeting	Borderline Restaurant
March 4, 2014	General Meeting	Old Country Buffet 1245 Whitehall Mall Whitehall, Pa 18103
March 25, 2014	Board Meeting	Borderline Restaurant

### Please Note:

Pertaining to the General Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting, if you plan to have dinner, please arrive at 6:00pm, otherwise, the actual meeting **starts at 7:00pm.**

**Old Country Buffet  
1245 Whitehall Mall  
Whitehall, Pa 18103**

***Only 7 Days until  
CLUB ELECTIONS  
Please Vote!***

## 2013 Christmas Party



Pre-Party Party Team getting the room prepared



Lynne and Susan warming up by the fire



The Party MC Walt Fries addressing the group



The Engles, Behlers, DeCeasers and Drumhellers



The Leamans, Jane Reagal,  
Ingrahams, Lamerts and  
Jess Corder





The Days, Millers, Hollenbachs and Luppinos (I'm snapping pictures)



Tom Young, Gina Jones, Melnyks, Wulfs and Fries



"Selfie" with Walt after being honored with the Joe Stinger Award



Sue Wulf organized and announced the Gift Exchange



Bill, Jim and Mike showing off their gifts



Who knew Sandi had two left feet that she dresses differently ?

## **2014 Schedule of Planned Activities**



**Suggestions for 2014 Activities  
Wanted!**

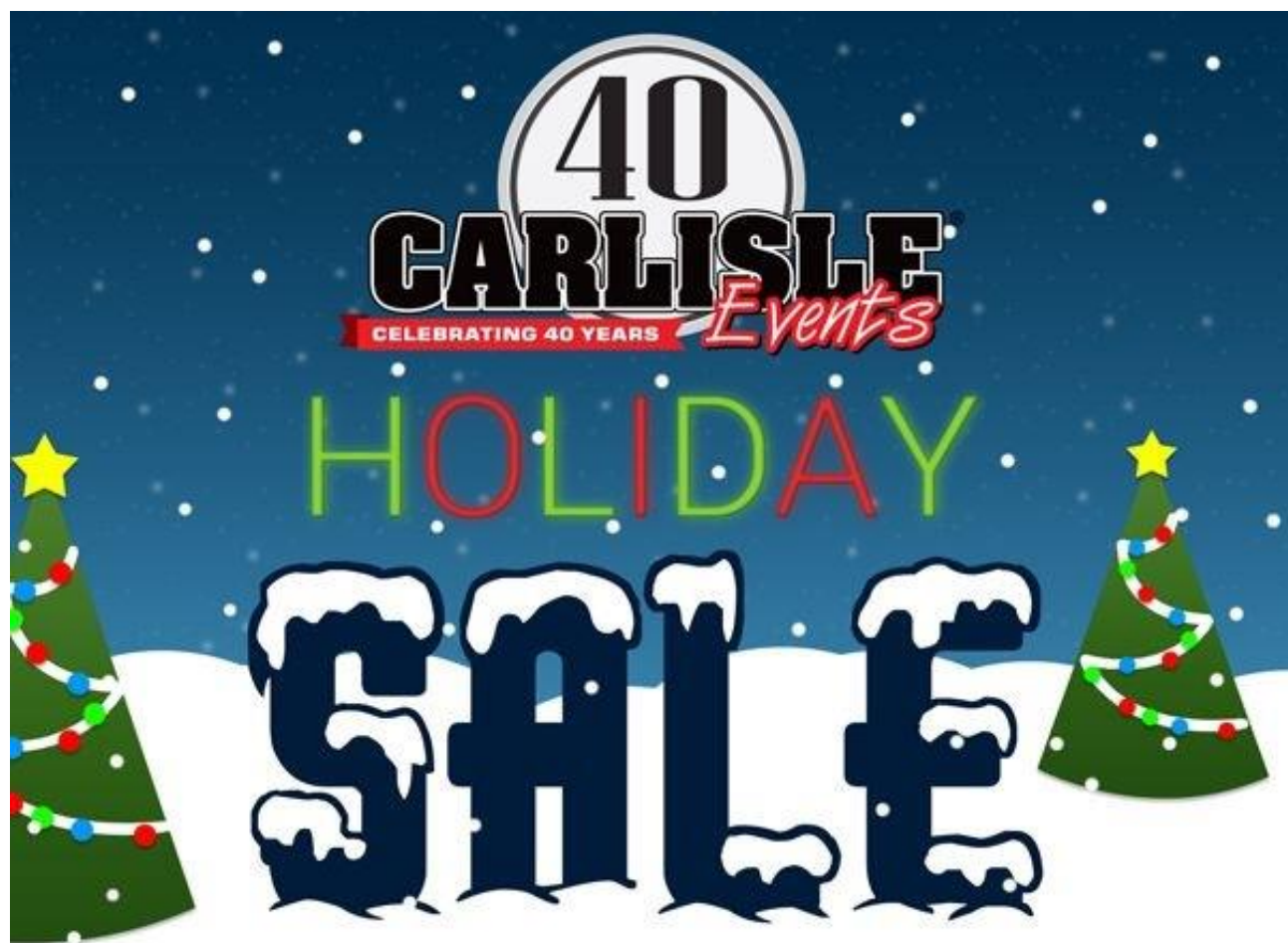
**Please contact Mike Melnyk with  
your ideas so we can publish the  
activities for March 2014!**





## **Carlisle Ford Nationals June 6 - 8, 2014**

If you are planning to attend the Ford Nationals with the Club and fellow ITC members, you may want to take advantage of this Holiday Special offered by Carlisle Events!



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### Lee Crago

Leonore (Lee) E. Crago, 65, of Bethlehem, passed away on Tuesday December 10, 2013 at the Hospice House of the VNA of St. Lukes. She was born on December 1, 1948 in Bethlehem, daughter of the late Joseph and Leona (Mozeko) Bedics. She was the wife of Dennis A. Crago. Lee was a collegiate teaching instructor for various schools and businesses through-out the Lehigh Valley. Survivors: She will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Dennis; son, Christopher of Bethlehem, sons by marriage, Kevin of Florida, Dean and Keith, both of New Jersey; brothers Matthew Bedics of Walnutport, and James Bedics of Bethlehem; and grandchildren, Emma and Lillian of Bethlehem, Kyle, Colby, and Carson of New Jersey, and Dylan, and Zander of Florida. She was predeceased by a brother Edward Bedics. Services: A Mass of Christian Burial was held 10 a.m., Monday December 16, 2013 at St. Annes Catholic Church, 450 Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18018. No calling hours. Contributions: Memorial contributions may be made to St. Annes Catholic Church. Send online condolences to [www.connellfuneral.com](http://www.connellfuneral.com).

# WIND GAP 2014

## T-Birds flock to the Gap !

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
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| 2. 1900-1929             | 9. CORVETTES              | 1949 & UP            |
| 3. 1930-1939             | 10. CAMARO/FIREBIRD       | 16. MODIFIED/CUSTOM  |
| 4. 1940-1949             | 11. THUNDERBIRDS          | 17. SPORTS/FOREIGN   |
| 5. 1950-1959             | 12. MUSTANGS              | 18. COMMERCIAL       |
| 6. 1960-1969             | 13. MOPAR                 | 19. MOTORCYCLES      |
| 7. 1970 & UP             | 14. STREET RODS; PRE-1949 | 20. PICKUP TRUCKS    |

Note: Classes 1-12 for Original or Restored Only

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Wind Gap Car Show May 18th, 2014 9AM - 3PM Wind Gap Boro Park

[carshow@cruisetothegap.org](mailto:carshow@cruisetothegap.org)

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### 2014 REGISTRATION FORM

(Please PRINT legibly, classes listed above)

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB AFFILIATE \_\_\_\_\_  
SHOW CAR: YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you all for your continued support!



## **Carlisle Ford Nationals June 6 - 8, 2014**

The best manufacturers of after-market parts & accessories will be represented on the largest Manufacturers Midway on this planet. Plus you'll also find hundreds of vendors with a variety of parts and accessories for sale, Ford & Lincoln-Mercury vehicles for sale in the corral, special events like beauty & burnout contests, rock crawling and much more. The best description of this show – Fun for the Blue Ovals!

### **Gate-N-Go: Your Green Light to the Showfield**

Don't forget, to save time, money and hassle, you must pre-register **before May 5th, 2014**. By doing so, we'll mail you your entry window sticker and all the information you need to know once you're parked, like where to get your goody bag, dash card, etc. Pre-registration discount ends May 5th and all registration fees will increase.

No "For Sale" signs on showfield.

If you would like to sell your vehicle, please call 717-243-7855 to reserve a corral space.

Please note that refunds will not be issued less than 19 days prior to the beginning of the event.

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## 1956 Thunderbird For Sale

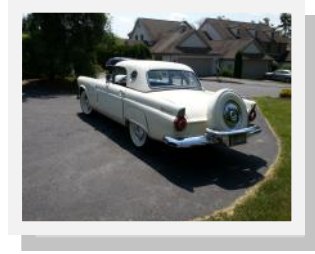
Good morning Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club,

After much deliberation, I have reluctantly decided to put my 56 Thunderbird up for sale. The primary reason is that I have just acquired a 2003 Mercedes Benz SL 500 with 19,000 miles on it. My 56 T-Bird is a gem, probably 80-90% original with 74,000+ original miles on it. It runs beautifully. Pictures of the car are enclosed. It has the port hole hardtop, original soft top behind the seat and the continental tire package. This car should belong to a new owner who values highly the originality that comes with it. If you or someone you know is looking to acquire a real special two-seater classic T-Bird, make sure you see this one. Call me at (610) 360-2838 if you would like to see the car or if you need further information. Price! \$50,000

Best personal regards.

JIM

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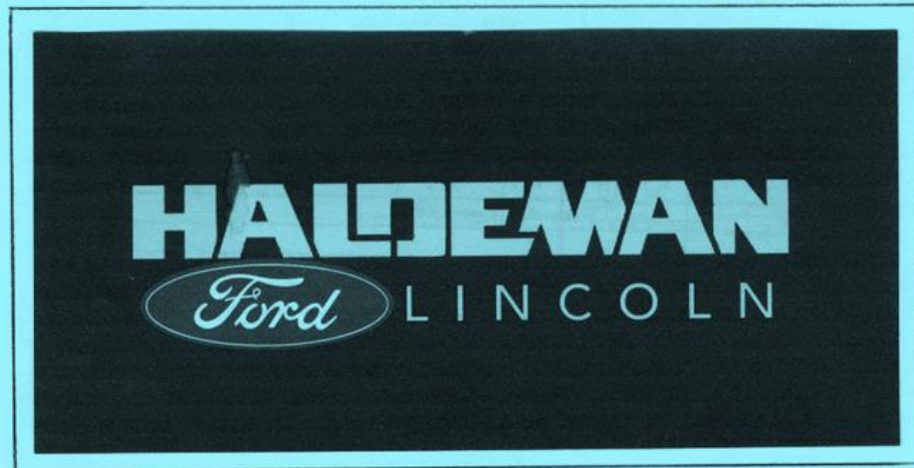
## 1964 Thunderbird For Sale

With over \$11000.00 invested between the purchase price and the parts. If I counted my labor it would be \$15,000 Car is Wimbeldon white with black vinyl original interior in great shape. New everything ...new brakes (shoes, hoses, lines, dual master cylinder upgrade), alternator, voltage regulator, water pump, fuel pump, gas gauge sender, tires, battery, shocks, u-joints, lower ball joints, exhaust manifold gaskets and head pipe o rings, New cap, rotor, plugs, wires, pertronix ignition, steering rag joint . Radiator cleaned, engine rebuilt 4 years ago. Transmission has been maintained and shifts smoothly. New halogen low beam headlights. It has original working am radio and aftermarker am/fm/cd/mpe under dash. It has original and aftermarket gauges including tach, volt meter, water temp and vacuum gauge. It has power windows, door locks, drivers seat, 4 way flashers, a/c but needs a charge. It has the optional chrome side moulding. Gabriel air shocks were just installed If you are looking for a great cruise night car this would be perfect. Cash only . Call Frank @ 732-735-7787 for appointment to see the car.



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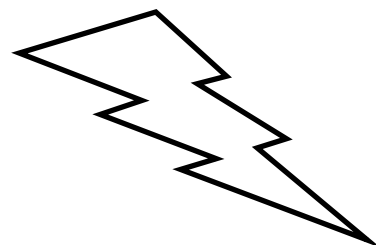
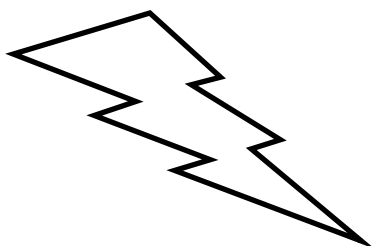
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