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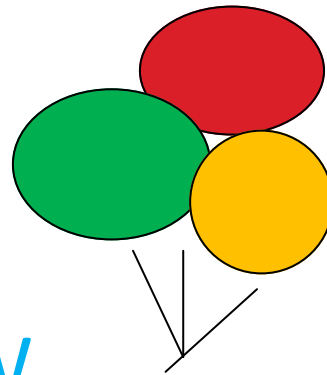


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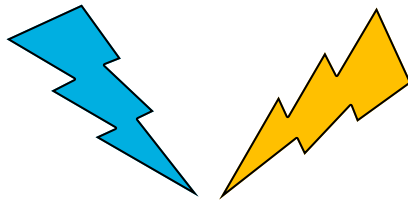
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NEW



YEAR

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Presidents Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Members,

I hope everyone had a great holiday and are looking forward to an exciting 2019! While the weather was rainy and damp, I liked it better than snowy and slippery!

2019 will be a good year for our club. During our Holiday Party, members agreed to donate a bench to America on Wheels Museum. Our club has been a long time supporter of the Museum and contributed to the Museum since it's opening. Once we know the bench is ready, we plan on having a small dedication get-together at the museum to "unveil" the bench.

Also, for the Carlisle All Fords Event, our club will once again host a club tent and I would like to encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the event with us. We will have several sister clubs, The North Jersey Thunderbird Association, The Mid-Atlantic Thunderbird Club, The Buffalo Thunderbird Club and the Wisconsin Thunderbird Club members there to join us. Banner from all the clubs and any event information for each club provided to us will be available too.

Please remember that during the Winter months of January, February and March, we moved our General Meeting from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Saturday of the Month. Please read through this newsletter for time and location of the first meeting on Saturday, January 5th, 2019.

Auto-Mania on Saturday, January 19th will mark our first club function for 2019. We will meet at Nick's Diner around 8:30 am and drive over to Ag Hall afterwards to walk through Auto-Mania.

Ok, enough from me,

Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you at our General Meeting on Saturday, January 5th, 2019! Vince

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 5, 2019	General Meeting and Elections 11:00 AM	Palace Restaurant 3250 Easton Ave. Bethlehem, Pa. 18021
JANUARY 18 - 20	Allentown Fair Grounds Ag Hall	Auto Mania Meet for Breakfast 9:00 am At Nicks 18th and Tilghman
JANUARY 29	Board Of Directors	Borderline Restaurant
February 2, 2019	General Meeting 11.00 AM	Palace Restaurant 3250 Easton Ave. Bethlehem, Pa. 18021
March , 2 2019	Pizza Party	TBA
APRIL 2, 2019	First Night Time General Meeting of the New Year	Palace Restaurant 3250 Easton Avenue Bethlehem Pa. 18021

JANUARY



Marwan Bassel 1/1
Mary Lou Lear 1/11
Jim Saunders 1/1



Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club 2019 Official Election Ballot

Instructions:

1. Print your name here: _____
2. You can either mail, email or hand carry this ballot and give it to the Club Vice-President, Tom Hollenbach. If mailing or sending via email, it must be received on later that Friday evening, January 4, 2019. If hand carrying ballot, please bring it to our first 2019 General meeting on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at the Palace restaurant.
3. You may run for any open office or board position provided you have been a club member for one full year.
4. You must "**CHECK THE BOX**" for each position or person you are voting for. An unmarked box indicates a "**No Vote**".
5. If running for an office or board position, place your name or name of club member voting for on the "**Write-In**" line.

Positions up for Election:

- A) Club President
- B) Club Treasurer
- C) 4 Board Members

VOTE

President:	Vince Luppino	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR	Write in: _____
Treasurer:	Walter J. Fries Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR	Write in: _____
Board Members:	Jerry Engle	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR	Write in: _____
	Alan Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR	Write in: _____
	Dan Mohry	<input type="checkbox"/>	OR	Write in: _____
	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	-	Write in: _____

Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club

Membership Application

NEW Membership application fee is **\$30.00**. **RENEWAL** Membership application fee is **\$25.00**

Please make check payable to LVTC.

Please mail your completed application form and check for to:

LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB, INC.

Attention Treasurer

70 Gum Street

Nazareth, PA 18064—1018

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Spouse: _____

Birthday: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Thunderbird Data: (List additional cars on separate paper and attached to application)

National T-Bird Club Affiliations: CTCI#: _____ VTCI#: _____ ITC#: _____

Body Type: ___ Coupe ___ Convertible ___ Landau ___ Roadster ___ Hardtop ___ 4-Door

Year: _____ Vin#: _____ License#/State: _____

Current Mileage: _____ Color: _____

Collector INS Co Name: _____ Policy#: _____

How do you use your car?

Daily Transportation _____ 2nd Car _____ Hobby _____

How would you rate your car? (5) Show to (1) Poor _____

Please circle as many below that best describe the condition of your thunderbird:

all original	needs restoration	do not have a car
total restoration	restored for fun use	restored for show only

Please enclose two pictures of your vehicle.



Jan 18-20, 2019

Adult Admission: **\$10 Daily**

Kids 12 and Under FREE

Event Hours **Fri 12pm-9pm ,**

Sat 9am - 6pm ,

Sun 9am - 3 pm

January 18 to 20 2019

Allentown Fairgrounds

302 N. 17th Street

Allentown.Pa. 18104

Event Hours

Friday: 12:00 PM to 9 PM

Saturday : 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday : 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Breakfast 9:00am Nicks Diner
18th and Tilghman

Address: 302 N 17th St, Allentown, PA 18104

For more than two decades, Auto Mania has been Pennsylvania's biggest indoor heated automotive flea market and the tradition continues this year with support from Carlisle Events. The 59,000 square foot facility that is Agri-Plex at the Allentown PA Fairgrounds plays host to a wide array of vendors and attendees annually. This event is a great opportunity to interact with likeminded enthusiasts in a family friendly atmosphere and is the perfect setting to buy, sell and trade all things automotive. There's a great array of parts, literature, services and more. Best of all, you're less than two hours from New York City, Philadelphia and Scranton with major roads like I-78, the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Route 22 all nearby. This event takes place no matter the weather and won't cancel, be postponed or rescheduled under any circumstance. Consider spending your weekend with Carlisle Events in Allentown for Auto Mania and jumpstart the New Year with great automotive excitement.

Admission tickets to Auto Mania will be available for purchase at the Allentown Fairgrounds.

[Map of Vending Spaces](#)

[2019 Vendor Listings](#) [Vendor information](#)

First Meeting 2019



HikingArtist.com

Saturday Jan 5, 2019 11:00 A.M.

Palace Restaurant

3250 Easton Ave. Bethlehem , Pa.

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE BY

DECEMBER 31, 2018

Elections

Upcoming Elections for Club Officers and Board of Directors. The following Club Officer Positions are up for Elections for the two year term of 2019 and 2020: Club President and Club Treasurer. The following Board of Director positions are also up for election: Jerry Engle, Alan Miller and Dan Mohry. Election ballots will be developed and distributed in the December Newsletter. Only one ballot per membership may be submitted. The election will occur at our First General Club Meeting in January, 2019, with those elected taking their respective positions at our first Board meeting in 2019.



Storage for your T– Bird

Select a dry, dark location for storage — preferably with limited access. Concrete flooring is best at keeping away moisture. If you must store your car on a dirt floor, place a plastic barrier under the vehicle, and place carpet pieces or plywood under the tires.

Give the vehicle a good wash/wax. Putting on and removing a vehicle cover will lead to unwanted scratches if the car is dirty.

Fill the fuel tank (preferably with premium) and add fuel stabilizer. Be sure to run the vehicle to move fuel stabilizer into the carburetor, fuel rails, injectors, etc. The fuller the tank, the less room there will be for air, which carries moisture that can lead to fuel contamination and possibly rust within the tank.

Change the oil and filter right before putting away the vehicle. The clean oil will reduce the risk of harmful contaminants working away at your engine during hibernation — and you'll be ready to go in spring.

Check the antifreeze. Add air to the tires.

If you're storing your car offsite, some insurance companies require you to report the address of the offsite location. Check with your insurer to determine your policy's requirements.

Place baking soda refrigerator packages in the interior and trunk areas.

To keep insects and vermin out of the car, put a plastic bag over the air cleaner/air inlet and exhaust pipe(s). You also can cover these with aluminum foil and tape securely. Place mothballs in the tailpipe and around the outside of the car, or insert steel wool in the tailpipe.

Place the vehicle on jack stands. This step avoids tire flat spots and adds longevity to the suspension because it is not supporting the vehicle's weight during storage.

For your battery, take one of the following actions: Unhook the battery by removing the negative cable first and store it separately — never on a concrete floor and preferably where it will not freeze; or leave the battery in the car and put a battery tender on it, if there is power available. That way if you want to start it a few times in the winter you don't have to put the battery in and out.

Close all of the windows.

If the vehicle will be exposed to freezing temperatures, be certain no personal items that may freeze or burst are not left in the vehicle.

There are varying theories about periodically starting the vehicle. This writer feels unless you get the engine up to operating temperature for a good 10-plus minutes to burn off the water vapors that initially develop at startup-cold operation, starting is not a good idea. Anything less will leave water in the combustion chamber and all exhaust components.



ADULT COLORING PAGE

HOLIDAY PARTY 2018



By Steve Rivera



When our vice president, Tom Hollenbach, asked me if I would write an article about the Holiday Party I was at first hesitant to take on the task because this year's party was the very first one I've attended since joining the club in 2010. I'm certainly not proud of that fact - and have endeavored this year to be more faithful in attending club activities. Let me say at the outset that the party was a wonderful event and I highly recommend it to ALL of our members!

As is the case for most of us, life gets busy and we can easily get caught up in the day-to-day tasks of living without giving much thought to getting involved in things like club activities. And if you're a procrastinator like me, chances are you may have thought many times of going to the party but never quite "got around to it." I read an article a number of years ago about procrastinators and the article featured a little graphic, similar to the one at the beginning of this article. If you haven't yet figured out what it is, it's a "round tuit." Now you have one...

This year's party was held for the second time at Iron Lakes Country Club, but this time in the Cypress Room, a beautiful setting even when the trees are bare in late Fall. The party was attended by a total of 41 members and their guests and everyone had a great time. As you may have read in previous issues of the Thunderword, the afternoon event started at 1:00 with an informal "happy hour" featuring appetizers and a cash bar. Dinner was served at 2:00 and the buffet featured several delicious entrees: tenderloin tips of beef, chicken cordon bleu, and sautéed panko-crusted tilapia with salad, potatoes and vegetables.

Each table had a beautifully festive centerpiece that was hand crafted by Sandy Fries. The decorations were sold and the proceeds will be applied toward the donation of a bench to the America on Wheels museum, to be given on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club. Attendees were also encouraged to bring a

new unwrapped toy to be donated to Toys for Tots and to bring non-perishable foods to donate to the Nazareth Area Food Bank. It was encouraging to see how many toys and food items were donated, reflecting the generosity and goodwill of those who participated that day.

Jane and I had the privilege of dining with Duane and Joan Jones, Jerry and Ruth Engel, and Tom and Claudia Hollenbach. There was holiday background music playing in the background, but you could hardly hear it because of the lively conversations going on at every table. Sandy Fries made delicious holiday cookies and cupcakes for dessert.

The program kicked off after dinner with the presentation of a gift to our president, Vince Luppino, after which Cathy Krasley led everyone in a game of trivia, with each winner receiving a candy cane for a correct answer. Once the game was over, Jane and I led everyone in a sing-along of holiday songs and Christmas carols. We featured two "guest artists," Tom Young playing the shaker for Feliz Navidad, and Mikey Melnyk rocking the sleigh bells for Jingle Bells. Great job, Guys! We closed the sing-along with traditional carols, concluding with Silent Night. After that, it was time for the annual Christmas gift exchange. Jerry Engel did the honors, explaining to everyone how the exchange process works and then guiding us through it. You never know what you will end up with as the exchange goes on and I must say that I was very pleased with the gifts I received – a classic car jigsaw puzzle and a really cool watch with the face of a Thunderbird speedometer!

We offer our sincere thanks to Sandy Fries for her great dedication in making the beautiful table centerpieces and baking the delicious desserts! Sandy is ready now to hand over these responsibilities for next year's Holiday Party. Whoever steps forward to fulfill these tasks, be it one person or several people working together, they will have big shoes to fill!

All good things must come to an end, and the Holiday Party concluded around 4:30 with everyone wishing each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now that you have your "round tuit," please plan on redeeming it by joining us at next year's Holiday Party – and any other Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club events you can make in 2019. We would love to see you at any (or all) of them!

Steve



Clark Kelly : 1979 Ford Thunderbird. Owned since new 6331 mi original.

Lives in Emmaus asking \$6000.00 call (610)967– 5371

Car is in decent shape needs some minor body work on the hood, someone tried to break off the emblem and marked up the hood.

60 Banthrico promotional metal car banks each imprinted with the name of the bank which offered them. \$20.00 each. Or \$1,000 or best offer for entire collection including curio display cabinet with 7 glass shelves.

Call Bill at 610-248-3317.





The pictures on the previous page are from DAS AWKSCHT FESCHT in the early 2000's take notice how full it is in the background, this year was one of the poorest attended ever. We as a club have to get them off their way of thinking and allow the newer cars in. I am talking Ford, GM, and Chrysler, or this show is going to go the way of the Dinosaur.



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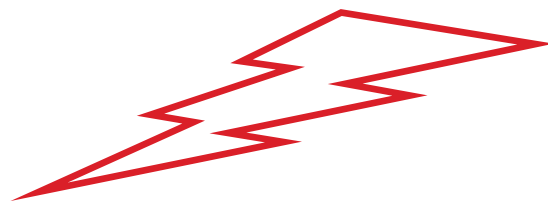
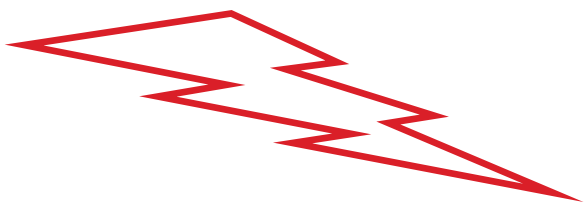
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