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THE LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB

**Lehigh Valley
Thunderbird Club
supports the Greater
Lehigh Valley Dealers
Association's High
School Automotive
Technical Competition
at Northampton
Community College**

President's Message



Hello All Club Members!

I hope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day and did not over indulge in too much chocolate!

Yesterday, February 15th, The Greater Lehigh Dealer's Association held the 18th Annual High School Automotive Competition at Northampton Community College. This is the 8th year our club has participated in the competition serving as judges. This year we also gave an OTC Digital Volt Ohmmeter to each First Place Team member, for their achievement.

I would like to thank Jerry Engle, Walt Fries Jr., Tom Hollenbach, Vince Luppino Jr. and Mike Melnyk for their help in judging the competition.

This competition's purpose is to attract local High School seniors, in a NATEF certified automotive program into our local area dealerships. The students compete in a two person team, to troubleshoot and service vehicles that have been "bugged" by the manufacture's area representative. The students and their high school automotive teachers are notified about a month in advance as to which car they will be competing on. The Greater Lehigh Valley Dealer Association works with local dealers to get the vehicles available to the schools, works with dealer to give teams access to their lead technician for training on the car. The car manufacture normally helps with the "bugging" of the vehicles, supplies access to the technical information and comes out to help judge to competition as well. Local post secondary schools, like Northampton Community College and Universal Technical Institute also assist and offer the students scholarships to further their automotive education.

Overall, everyone is working to insure we have a future automotive technician who is well trained and can service your needs as a motorist!

See some of you shortly, at our Valentine Dinner in Peddler's Village!

Thanks,

Vince

**Presenting the First Place
Team from Bethlehem
Area Vocational School the
OTC Meters are our Club
Vice-President and
President.**

