



Club Pizza Party

Hops at the Paddock
 1945 W. Columbia Street
 Allentown, PA 18104
 610-437-3911



2020 LEHIGH VALLEY AUTO SHOW

GLVADA Auto Show
 Sunday, March 22 @ 8:30 am
 Stabler Arena
 124 Goodman Drive
 Bethlehem, PA 18015

THUNDERBIRD DISPLAY

“Come on out and
SHOW OFF
 your
Thunderbird”

For the latest Club Event Information, Call our Message Center:
 610-218-1500

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President's Message



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Happy March Everyone!

Finally, Spring is around the corner! Thursday, March 19th to be exact. With the Luck of the Irish, we certainly had a relatively mild winter, which I am grateful for. Even Rita's Water Ice opened earlier this year. AND, most importantly, I stopped at The Scoop for a Banana Split on the way home from a meeting! I was very, very good!

So, a lot of things happening:

1) Our club members judged the GLVADA High School Auto Tech Competition and the winning team is from the Bethlehem Area Vocational School. The club gave two Digital Meters, one each to the winning team members.

2) Club members attended the America on Wheels Fundraiser/Gala, in support of the Museum.

3) Our Annual Pizza Party is happening Saturday, March 7th @ 1:00 pm.

4) We are invited to the Lehigh Valley Car Show on Sunday, March 22nd to display our cars.

Come and put your car on display and get tickets to the show.....See me on the 22nd.

5) April 4th is our Great Barn Hex Sign Road Rally, with awards for third thru first place.

And the fun will continue through the Fall Season.

This month, we are starting a new section in the newsletter called "Member Spotlight", so be aware I will be calling, asking you to write an article for it. Better yet, why don't you write one on your car and send it to me! Yep, I like that idea!

Look over the rest of the newsletter, to keep up with the club activities!

See you soon!

Vince

Board of Director's Message



Sunday, March 8, 2020

Board Members

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610-694-0728

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Upcoming Shows and Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
March 7, 2020	Annual Pizza Party and General Meeting 1:00 pm	Hops at the Paddock 1945 W. Columbia Street Allentown, PA 18104 610-437-3911
March 22, 2020	GLVADA Auto Show 8:30 am	Stabler Arena 124 Goodman Drive Bethlehem, PA 18015
March 24, 2020	Board of Director's Meeting Dinner @ 6:00 pm Meeting @ 7:00pm	The Borderline Restaurant 2100 west Union Blvd Bethlehem, PA 18018 610-419-3715
April 4, 2020	Hex Barn Sign Road Rally 8:00 am	Rally will start at: Starlight Diner 233North Route 100 Allentown, PA 18106 610-395-4031
April 7, 2020	General Meeting Dinner @ 6:00 pm Meeting @ 7:00pm	Parkland Restaurant 2702 Walbert Avenue Allentown, PA 18104
April 28, 2020	Board of Director's Meeting Dinner @ 6:00 pm Meeting @ 7:00pm	The Borderline Restaurant 2100 west Union Blvd Bethlehem, PA 18018 610-419-3715

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.**

**Parkland Restaurant
2702 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104**



Happy Birthday !

Barbara Panowitx 3/5

Virginia Schaffer 3/18

Raymond Reake 3/14






Earl W. Dickinson 3/24

Joan Jones 3/16

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

March Club Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 General Meeting
8 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19 	20	21
22 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Board Meeting	April 1	April 2	April 3	4 
Thunderbirds on Display all month @ America On Wheels Museum						



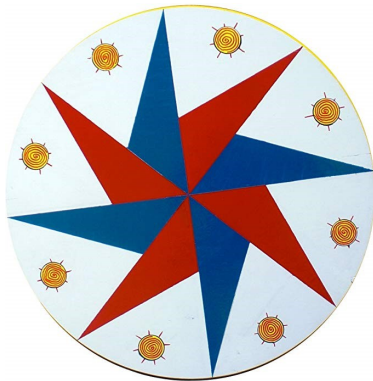
**Annual Pizza Party
and
General Meeting**



Saturday, March 7, 2020 @ 1:00 pm

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**THE GREAT BARN HEX SIGN
ROAD RALLY**



Sponsored by the Lehigh Valley
Thunderbird Club

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Rain Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020

Mopar Madness

**2020 Cruise Schedule @
South Mall 3300 Lehigh Street
Allentown, PA 18103**

April 11 (4-7 pm)	June 13 (5-8 pm)	August 29 (5-8 pm)
April 25 (4-7 pm)	July 11 (5-8 pm)	September 12 (4-7 pm)
May 9 (5-8 pm)	July 25 (5-8 pm)	October 10 (3-6 pm)
May 30 (5-8 pm)	August 8 (5-8 pm)	October 31 (3-6 pm)

All makes of Cars & Trucks welcomed. \$ Donations for Chronically and Terminally Ill Children Appreciated

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2020 Schedule of Planned Activities

Date	Activity	Time	Contact
Saturday, January 18, 2020	Auto Mania	8:30 am	Vince
Saturday, February 15, 2020	Greater Lehigh Valley High School Auto Competition @ Northampton Community College	7:30 am	Vince
Sunday, February 16, 2020	LVTC Valentine's Day Dinner @ Villaggio's 5861 Lower York Road Lahaska, PA 18931 215-794-2777	1:00 pm	Vince
Saturday, March 7, 2020	Pizza Party and General Meeting @ Hops at the Paddock 1945 W. Columbia Street Allentown, PA 18104 610-437-3911	1:00 pm	Tom & Claudia
Sunday, March 22, 2020	GLVADA Auto Show Stabler Arena 124 Goodman Drive Bethlehem, PA 18015	8:30 am	Vince
Saturday, April 4, 2020	Hex Barn Sign Road Rally	8:00 am	Vince & Troy
Sunday May 3, 2020	Trip to Industrial Museum	11:00 am	Walt & Sandi
Sunday May 17, 2020	Cruise to the Gap - Wind Gap Car Show	8:30 am	Tom
June 5 to 7, 2020	Carlisle All Ford National	7:00 am to 7:00 pm	Tom
Saturday, June 13, 2020	NJTA All Thunderbird Show Pompton Plains, NJ	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	Tom
Saturday, July 7, 2020	Cruise to Classic Car Auto Mall	10:00 am	Mike
Sunday, July 12, 2020	Planning Picnic for Nazareth Day	1:00 pm	Walt & Sandi
Saturday, July 18, 2020	Nazareth Day Car Show	7:00 am to 3:00 pm	Everyone
Sunday, August 2, 2020	Das Awkscht Fescht *Club Day is Sunday*	8:00 am	Vince & Tom
Saturday, August 15, 2020	Movie Night @ Vince's Ford vs Ferrari	8:00 pm	Vince
September (TBD) 2020	"Fall Fling in Vermont" or "Thunder in Vermont"		Ken
October (TBD) 2020	Bridge Rally Run	9:00 am	Vince
October 23 to 25, 2020	"Thunder at the Ocean" Trip with NJTA		Marsha
November (TBD) 2020	Vince's Garage - Nighty - Night Thunderbirds	10:00 am	Vince
Sunday December 13, 2020	LVTC Christmas Holiday Party	Noon	



Member Spotlight

Ken Andersen

I have a 2004 Merlot Thunderbird, it is my second Thunderbird replacing a 2003 with many miles. I admired the first Thunderbird in 1955 which was displayed in the local Ford agency showroom. I thought it was better than the 1955 Corvette as it only had a two-speed automatic, but neither one was a sports car. From 1956 until the Retro-Bird, Thunderbirds did not interest me, some were just OK. Susan Sommers in "American Graffiti" didn't help the '56's, but I still went to Mel's Drive-In in San Francisco. Annette Funnichelo's didn't help the '57's (see: February Thunderworld). Both had too much rear overhang.

I like to drive my Thunderbird, showing it is secondary. A few years ago, I took a cross-country trip, ten thousand miles visiting friends along the way and friends and relatives in California, places I've been and places I wanted to see. It was a memorable trip. I was stopped by a Wyoming State Trooper. It was late on a moon light night on a straight road and I was doing something over 80. No ticket, he wanted to look over the car because his father had had a merlot Retro-bird. He did say keep it under 70! I had a tire problem in eastern Colorado, farm country. When I called AAA for assistance, I told the agent I was east bound on I-70 at a specific mileage marker and she replied the red Thunderbird? (Big Brother is everywhere!). I was transported (they don't tow anymore) to Burlington Ford, Lincoln, a knowable dealer. I had cross-threaded lugs on the bad wheel and I had to wait three days for replacements from Ford's warehouse. Only three cars used those lugs, a Lincoln, a Jaguar and a Thunderbird.

I like to drive and I first drove a Fiat Topolino when I was eleven. A Chevrolet farm truck, a tractor, an Indian motor cycle with a shift lever and a team of work horses when I was twelve. A 1st series '49 Dodge when I was thirteen. A '41 Plymouth Special Deluxe, my first car and my father's '54 Packard when I was fourteen. I got a special rural license when I was fourteen and have enjoyed the freedom of driving ever since. I have recently had some medical problems and one question to the doctor was "can I still drive?".

I have had many cars in my lifetime and I enjoy my Thunderbird very much as it fits my life style. It is a boulevard car, not a sports car. I have had many sports cars. The '55 Thunderbird comes closest to being a sports car, right size, short overhang, available manual shift and a two-seater, but not bucket seats. I would like a '55, but I would want to drive it which would not be fair for it's age. Alas, I have by '04 and I hope to put many miles on it!

HAPPY MOTORING

Ken's Thunderbird Photo





2005 Ford Thunderbird · Specs

Overview

MSRP	\$38,355 - \$44,355 · Loan calculator
Fuel economy	Up to 18/24 mpg (city/highway)
Weight	3,774 lbs
Seating	2 Seats (max.)

Engine And Power

Engine	4.0 L 280 HP V 8
Horsepower	280 hp
Torque	286 N·m
Engine valves	Valves * Cylinder: 4 * 8
Fuel tank capacity	18 gal

Transmission And Chassis

Transmission	5-Speed Automatic
Drive	RWD

Wheels And Tires

Turning radius	35.9 feet
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Payload And Towing

Cargo volume	6.9 cu ft
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Dimension (Exterior)

Length	186.3 in
Width	72.0 in
Height	52.1 in
Wheelbase	107.2 inch

Dimension (Interior)

Front leg room	42.7 in
Front head room	37.2 in
Front shoulder room	57.3 in
Front hip room	53.7 in

Features

air conditioning · alloy chrome wheels · alloy wheels · AM/FM radio · automatic headlights · cargo area light · cruise control · driver multi-adjustable power seats · fog lights · interval wipers · leather steering wheel · power adjustable exterior mirror · power door locks · power windows · rear window defogger · remote lock/unlock · steering mounted controls · tachometer · telescopic steering · tilt steering · vehicle anti-theft

Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club

Membership Renewal 2020 Calendar Year

Renewal 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 Treasurer

70 Gum Street

Nazareth, PA 18064—1018

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Spouse: _____

Birthday: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business/Cell 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 Sunroof Town 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

OVER 

Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club

Membership Renewal 2020 Calendar Year

As a member of our club, your privacy is important to us. We would like to offer all our members a club membership list that would list the each member's name, address, phone number and email address along with year and model of Thunderbird.

If you are ok with having your information on the list, sign on line "A":

A: I am ok with having my name on LVTC Membership List : _____

IF you do not want your information on the club membership list, sign on line "B":

B: I do not want my information on the LVTC Membership List: _____

Thank You for your support of the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club.



Corned Beef and Cabbage I



Prep
10 m

Cook
2 h 25 m

Ready In
2 h 35 m

Recipe By: Laria Tabul

"What's more Irish than a traditional recipe for corned beef and cabbage? Serve with mustard or horseradish if desired."

Ingredients

3 pounds corned beef brisket with spice packet
10 small red potatoes

5 carrots, peeled and cut into 3-inch pieces
1 large head cabbage, cut into small wedges

Directions

- 1 Place corned beef in large pot or Dutch oven and cover with water. Add the spice packet that came with the corned beef. Cover pot and bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Simmer approximately 50 minutes per pound or until tender.
- 2 Add whole potatoes and carrots, and cook until the vegetables are almost tender. Add cabbage and cook for 15 more minutes. Remove meat and let rest 15 minutes.
- 3 Place vegetables in a bowl and cover. Add as much broth (cooking liquid reserved in the Dutch oven or large pot) as you want. Slice meat across the grain.

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Tuesday
March 17th

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



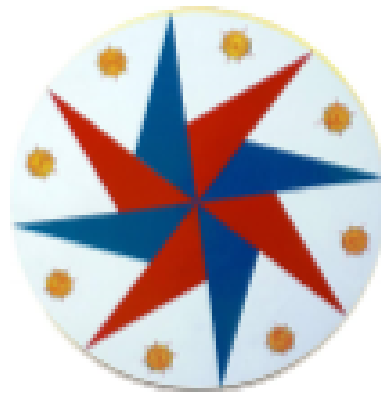
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dance
good luck
Ireland
lucky
music
rainbow
shamrock

four-leaf clover
green
jig
magic
orange
saint
St. Patrick's Day

gold coins
harp
leprechaun
March
pot of gold
seventeenth
wish





THE GREAT BARN HEX SIGN ROAD RALLY

Sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Rain Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020

Enjoy a scenic drive through the Pennsylvania countryside with fellow "Thunderbirders" competing in a time based Road Rally for fun!

If your Thunderbird is still hibernating for the winter, then bring whatever you feel comfortable in to make the trip. Don't miss out on this event as you will feel "one with the farm" as you run the rally.

Starting Point: Starlight Diner
233 North Route 100
Allentown, PA 18106
610-395-4031

Time: If fueling your stomach: 8:00 am

If stomach over fueled: 9:30 am

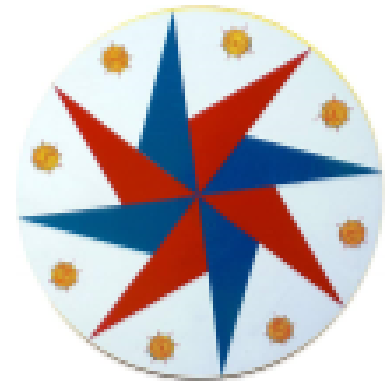
Road Rally Check-in: 9:31 am to 9:55 am

Road Rally Start: 10:00 am

Finish Line: Parkland Diner
2702 Walbert Avenue
Allentown, PA 18104
610-432-2745

Required Rally Equipment:

1. Cell Phone (Must supply number to Rally Captain)
2. Fire Extinguisher
3. Clip Board
4. Stop Watch
5. Accurate Vehicle Odometer
6. Snacks/Water



Rally Rules:

1. Vehicle must pass basic Tech Inspection
2. Vehicle must display assigned rally number (Taped onto door panels)
3. Driver must obey all posted speed limits and traffic directional systems
4. Vehicle should be fueled sufficiently to make a 100 mile trip
5. When answering questions on Rally Sheet, please make sure area is safe if stopping and use signaling systems
6. Follow rally course instructions carefully
7. BE AWARE of YOUR SURROUNDINGS at ALL TIMES
8. Do Not Pet the animals unless have permission from owner!
9. No physical or verbal abuse allow of driver or navigator
10. HAVE FUN!

Rally Registration:

Please Contact:

Vince Luppino

Email: Luppinov@verizon.net

Cell #: 267-808-1989 (leave message if goes to voicemail)

Deadline for Registration: Wednesday, April 1st, 2020



NOTE: Hex Sign used on this notice is for good weather!



America On Wheels Museum

Thunderbird Display



America On Wheels Museum

**5 North Front Street
Allentown, PA 18102
610-432-4200**

Tuesday thru Saturday:

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday:

12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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Visit our website: www.njtbird.com

REGISTRATION INFO:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Year & Model _____

Color & Plate# _____

Car Club Affiliations _____

Judge Do Not Judge

For Car Corral Only

Registration: \$15.00

Registration after June 1st: \$20.00

Number of cars entering: _____

Total: _____

Make checks payable to:
North Jersey Thunderbird Assoc.

Send to: Jim Osowski
64 Ferris Street
South River, NJ 08882

Parts Wanted



Club Member Tom Mirro is looking for:

1956 Original Rear Shocks

and

1956 Original Seal Beams

Seal Beams markings:

“12v” in center

“Fomco” on the bottom

Contact him @ 732-239-0924



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