



Club Pizza Picnic

Saturday, April 17th

@ Noon

Nazareth Boro Park
(where we hold our car show at)

WHAT HAPPENED TO 2020 ?

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

Or visit our Website:
<http://lehighvalleythunderbirdclub.com>

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THE LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB

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President's Message

Hello and Happy APRIL 2021 Fellow Club Members!

First and Foremost, I hope you are doing well and have stayed healthy!

Second, literally with nothing going on, there was little to do with the newsletter, so as we re-boot the club, we are starting up the newsletter again.

Thirdly, we are kicking off the 2021 season with a Club Pizza Picnic this upcoming Saturday,

April 17th at noon. We will meet at Nazareth Boro Park..... You remember, the park we do our annual car show at. Speaking of our Annual Car Show, we received news that we can do it this year, on July 17th, 2021!

So, now that some of the state mandates are lifting and we are able to gather in larger numbers, the Board decided to host the Club Pizza Party as a picnic outside, under the pavilion at the park. Hopefully you can attend and let us know how you are doing, what you have been up to and basically catch up with each other. We also want to plan some activities and talk about the upcoming Road Rally in May, for Thunderbird Appreciation Day.

See you Saturday and if you can, bring out your T-Bird!

Vince

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Board of Director's Message

**Pizza Picnic at the
Park under the
Pavilion
Saturday, April 17th
@ Noon**

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Upcoming Shows and Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
April 17, 2021 (Saturday)	Pizza Picnic at the Park @ Noon	Nazareth Boro Park 75 N. Broad Street Nazareth, PA 18064
April 27, 2021 (Tuesday)	Board of Director's Meeting Dinner @ 5:00 pm Meeting @ 6:00pm	The Borderline Restaurant 2100 west Union Blvd Bethlehem, PA 18018 610-419-3715
May 16, 2021 (Sunday)	Barn Hex Sign Road Rally	Starlite Diner 233 PA-100 Allentown, PA 18106
May 25, 2021 (Saturday)	Board of Director's Meeting Dinner @ 5:00 pm Meeting @ 6:00pm	The Borderline Restaurant 2100 west Union Blvd Bethlehem, PA 18018 610-419-3715
June 4-6, 2021 (Friday to Sunday)	Carlisle FORD Nationals	Carlisle Fairgrounds Carlisle, PA

Please Note:

Pertaining to the General Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting:

If you plan to have dinner, please arrive at designated time, Otherwise, the actual meeting **starts at time shown.**




Happy Birthday !

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL!

Since the Newsletter stopped in March 2020 and we missed April through October, we will just wish everyone Happy Birthday in the year of Covid. We will resume our monthly Birthday column in June 2021.

April Club Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Pizza Picnic at the Park
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Board Meeting	28	29	30	



Annual Pizza Party and General Meeting

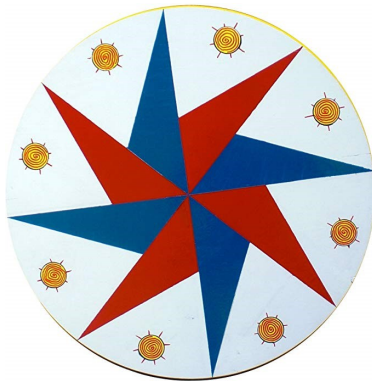


Saturday - April 17, 2021 @ 12:00 pm

Nazareth Borough Park

475 North Broad Street

Nazareth, PA 18064



THE GREAT BARN HEX SIGN ROAD RALLY

Sponsored by the Lehigh Valley
Thunderbird Club

Sunday, May 16, 2021

CARLISLE
NATIONALS



PRESENTED BY

Meguiar's
EST. 1901

June 4 - 6, 2021

Gate-n-Go Deadline

May 3, 2021

[More Gate-n-Go Details](#)

Event Hours

Thursday: Set-Up Day

Fri-Sat: 7AM- 6PM

Sunday: 7AM- 12PM

Admission

Daily Thurs - Sat: *\$15

Sunday: \$7 at Gate ([Free with Event Ticket](#))

Event Pass: *\$30

Kids 12 and Under FREE

**Online tickets discounted.*

Location

1000 Bryn Mawr Rd

Carlisle, PA 17013

“JUNIOR” by Steve Rivera

Chapter 1: The Background

Some of you may be familiar with the story of how I got my Thunderbird but for those of you who are not, I'll give you a brief recap. I was born and raised in Northern California. I never thought of us as being “poor,” but my family would definitely not have been considered middle class. My dad was kind of a wheeler-dealer when it came to buying cars and most of the ones we had were old and not very desirable. That all changed in 1965 when my dad bought a used 1960 Thunderbird hardtop in Monaco Red with red and white interior. It was at the same time both the “hottest” AND “coolest” car we ever had! I was 14 years old when we got it and, like most boys that age in those days, couldn't wait until I was 16 so I could get my driver's license and drive the T-bird. I absolutely loved it!

Sadly, that day never came because my dad abruptly left us in July of 1966 and moved to another state. My mom was, of course, devastated by his leaving and was unable to keep up with the payments on the car so it was sold to someone else. In the midst of all the turmoil I began to hope that maybe someday I would get a car just like it.

Fast forward 42 years to 2008. It was my last year of teaching and I decided to look for my “dream car” and buy it as kind of a retirement gift to myself. I searched through eBay motors, found one just like my dad's car, bought it and have put a fair amount of money into having it restored.

Chapter 2: The Discovery

Now, about Junior. I was walking through the massive flea market at Hershey one day with my very good friend Dave Kenney (also an LVTC member, and a true CAR GUY) when I happened to notice something that really caught my eye. It was the shell of a little kid-sized 1960 Thunderbird. I had never seen anything like it and found out later on that there were “junior size” models made of many cars back in the late 50's and early 60's – Thunderbirds, Mustangs, etc, and that they were sometimes given or sold through dealerships as promotional items. I didn't even consider buying the “shell” because I knew that I had neither the expertise nor the resources to restore it.

Chapter 3: The Prospect

Several years after joining the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club, I was at Das Awkscht Fescht one day when I met Harold Warg, another LVTC member, who had his beautifully restored 1959 Thunderbird at the show. As impressed as I was with his car, I was even more impressed when he took out a beautifully restored Thunderbird Junior that was painted to match his Squarebird. He brought the T-Bird Junior to car shows so children could drive around the grounds in it and get a little taste of the thrill we Thunderbird owners still get when driving our “babies” around. Harold had done all of the restoration work on his car and the Thunderbird Junior and I realized just how rare it is to see one in such good condition. I also happened to notice that the T-bird Junior was actually a model of a '60 Bird instead of a '59. After getting to know Harold and

talking with him over the course of several years, I asked him to let me know if he ever decided to selling it because I would be VERY interested in buying it (I have two young grandsons who love my Thunderbird and would really love to have a little one to ride around in).

Chapter 4: The Missed Opportunity

It was a few years later when talking with Harold that he told me he was thinking about selling the Thunderbird Junior. I asked him how much he wanted for it and he quoted me a price. I'm not typically the kind of person who likes to bargain (or haggle) with someone over a price but I did so that day and offered him \$200 less than the price he gave me. He said he'd think it over but never got back to me about my offer. I regret that to this day...

Chapter 5: The Dream Almost Got Away

The last time I saw Harold at Das Awkscht Fescht, he told me that he was battling cancer. I never saw him again. I got word through another LVTC member that Harold passed away in January of 2019. Not wanting to give up on getting the T-bird Junior, I tried several ways to contact his family, eventually getting a phone number from the pastor who conducted Harold's funeral. I called his brother and was informed that Harold's daughter was in charge of settling his estate. He gave me her number and I texted her to offer my condolences – and to inform her that I would be interested in buying the Thunderbird Junior if she puts it up for sale. She informed me that she wasn't ready to sell any of his things yet but that she would let me know if she decided to sell it. I found out several months later from Walt Fries that Harold's ex-wife was assisting her daughter in selling some of his things so I contacted her so that she would also know of my interest in the T-bird Junior. She told me that they were hoping to sell his car and the Junior together, not separately.

Chapter 6: The Quest

I was contacted in May of 2020 by Dave Kenney, informing me that he had just seen an ad in Hemmings listing Harold's '59 Thunderbird and the Thunderbird Junior and that the ad indicated that they were willing to sell them together OR separately! I immediately contacted Harold's ex-wife to let her know that I definitely wanted to buy it and to give me a price. She quoted me a price that was higher than what Harold had wanted several years earlier, but this time I didn't try to bargain and accepted the offer immediately! With the coronavirus pandemic still in full swing, she said she would get back to me when we could set a date for me to pick it up.

Chapter 7: The Acquisition

It was July before we could arrange a date to pick up the Thunderbird Junior – to be known henceforth as "Junior." My dream for Junior from the very beginning was to have it painted to match my Squarebird and to reveal it to my grandsons with the two Birds side-by-side. In order to accomplish that goal, I had to keep Junior concealed from my grandsons who live next door and are over at our house all the time. I decided to keep Junior in the trunk of my Thunderbird until I could have it painted.

Chapter 8: The Transformation

Dave recommended that I take Junior to JL Auto Body in Line Lexington to have it painted because he had several of his cars worked on and was always pleased with the results. I took Junior down to JL shortly after bringing it home and was told that I'd have to wait until September to get it painted. As it turned out, September turned into October, which turned into November. I dropped Junior off in mid-November, asking if it could be done by Christmas and was told it could. Fortunately, he finished painting it just in the nick of time and I picked it up early in the afternoon on December 24th. Junior was never intended to be a gift for the boys because I wanted to retain ownership of it. I just needed a deadline to get the job done. Jim Lacey at JL Auto Body did an outstanding job, giving greater attention to detail than I ever expected – and the price he quoted for doing the job was amazingly low!

Chapter 9: The Reveal

I kept Junior covered in the back of my SUV when I brought it home and let the excitement of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day pass before letting my grandsons see (and drive) it for the first time, on December 27th. Because Junior has operational headlights and taillights, I decided to wait until dusk for the big “reveal.” I had my son and daughter-in-law bring the boys over and sit them down on chairs outside our garage door, which was closed. I had my '60 Thunderbird and the '60 Junior next to each other facing out of the garage to make it as impressive as possible. When we opened the garage door, they were as excited as I hoped they would be. Mission accomplished! The only problem we encountered was that the “gas pedal” (which resembles the old-style dimmer switches) was very difficult for them to hold down in order to keep Junior going, but they still had a blast driving it – and boy, does it go! I'm still in the process of resolving the gas pedal problem as of this writing.

Chapter 10: Conclusion

Junior hasn't gotten much use because of all the snow we've had this winter, but I'm looking forward to our grandsons enjoying it when the weather gets warmer. I'm also planning to carry on Harold's tradition of taking Junior to car shows so other children can – even for a few minutes – enjoy the thrill of driving a Thunderbird!

Chapter 11: Acknowledgements

I would first of all like to thank my wife, Jane, for her incredible support throughout every stage of this process. I would also like to thank the following people without whose help the achievement of this dream would have been impossible: Lori Warg, Walt Fries, Jim Lacey - and most importantly, Dave Kenney!



2021 Schedule of Planned Activities

Date	Activity	Time	Contact
Sat			Vince
Sat			Vince
Sun			Vince
Sa			& Claudia
Su			Vince
S			ce & Troy
S			t & Sandi
S			Tom
S			Tom
Sa			Tom
S			Mike
S			t & Sandi
Sa			everyone
S			ce & Tom
Sat			Vince
S			Ken
			Vince
C			Marsha
M			Vince
Sun			t & Sandi

Looking
for Ideas for 2021!
Please submit to any
Club Officer
or
Board Member



44th Annual Nazareth Day Car Show

Saturday, July 17, 2021

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Nazareth Borough Park

475 N. Broad Street

Nazareth, PA 18064

The Car Show is open to all Years, Makes and Models of Domestic and Foreign vehicles.
Motorcycles are not permitted.



Registration Information:

Pre-Register by July 1, 2019 - \$15.00

Day of Show Registration - - \$20.00

Rain Date: Sunday, July 18, 2021

For Cancellation or Postponement:

LVTC Message Center - 610-218-1500

Photo Plaque Information:

The first 200 vehicles to arrive before noon
will be photographed for a plaque.

*Due to development and assembly time, the
plaque will not be distributed before 2:00 pm.*

More Information on Back of this Form - Please Read

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ E-Mail: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Club Affiliation: _____ Contact for 2020 Show: YES NO

Mail Form with check (\$15.00) to: Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club Treasurer

70 Gum Street

Nazareth, PA 18064

Entrants and participants of this event will release and hold harmless for damages or like causes any and all volunteers or others involved in preparation and/

Directions:

From 33 Southbound (from points north):

Take the RT 191 exit. Turn right off of the ramp and follow into Nazareth. Turn right on to Broad St. and follow to the Borough Park, which will be on your left.

From 33 Northbound (from I-78 Or Rt 22 westbound):

Take the 248 exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp and follow into Nazareth. Turn right onto Broad Street (Nazareth Diner) and follow to the Borough Park, which will be on your left.

From 22 Eastbound:

Take the RT 191 exit northbound, into Nazareth. At Pizza Hut, turn left onto Broad St. and follow to the Borough Park, which will be on your left.

Parking:

As you enter the park, stay to the right and follow around to event site. You will first be directed to the photo location, and then guided to a parking space. If you wish to park as a group, please enter the park as a group, so we can accommodate parking you all together.

Tents:

The Show has been averaging 200 vehicles in attendance. To maintain reasonable spacing between vehicles, we might not be able to accommodate tents by the vehicles. There are areas around the field where you may place your tent. Please work with our Event Staff. We want everyone to have an enjoyable and fun day!

Proceeds from Car Show:

After all costs are paid, any remaining car show proceeds are distributed in equal portions to:

1. The Lehigh Valley Pediatric Cancer Foundation
2. The Nazareth Area Food Bank
3. The Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club.



**NORTHAMPTON AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Learn, Listen, and Lead

6th Annual NASD Student Council Car Show

Cars * Trucks * Motorcycles * Antique tractors
****All makes, models and years welcome****

Saturday, July 31, 2021
(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021)

At Bicentennial Park West
5351 Park West Lane (off of Colony Drive)
East Allen Township, Northampton, PA 18067
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Registration 9:00AM to 12 noon
Awards at 3:00 PM

*** Dash plaques for first 100 pre-registered cars ***

30 Awards, Door Prizes, Tricky-Tray, Food, DJ, Craft & Flea Market

**** All proceeds benefit NASD Student Council ****

NASD OR ROY J. MARANKI WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURY, LOSS, THEFT OR DAMAGE.
ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ROY - HOME: 610-440-2213 OR CELL: 610-704-9021

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CAR /TRUCK PRE-REGISTRATION - \$8.00 BY 07/24/2021 *DAY OF SHOW - \$10.00
MOTORCYCLE/TRACTOR PRE-REGISTRATION- \$8.00 BY 07/24/2021 *DAY OF SHOW - \$10.00
CRAFTS/FLEA MARKET PRE-REGISTRATION - \$10.00 BY 07/24/2021 * DAY OF SHOW - \$12.00

MAKES CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Northampton Area School District

NAME: _____	MAIL TO: Roy J. Maranki
ADDRESS: _____	3019 Eisenhower Drive
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____	Northampton, PA 18067
YEAR: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____	PHONE: _____

19th ANNUAL

Silver Creek

Father's Day Car Show



General Admission \$4.00
Kids Under 12 - FREE

**\$1.00 of every
General Admin
supports:**



- ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD • DRINK
- 50/50 • PLAYGROUND FOR KIDS

Silver Creek Athletic Association • 2943 Route 212 • Springtown, PA 18081

JUNE 20, 2021

9:00am – 3:00pm
Gates open at 8:00am

****NO PETS OR BICYCLES PERMITTED****

RAIN or SHINE

ALL PROFITS BENEFIT OUR YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS

Registration ENDS at 12:30pm ... VOTING 12:30-1:30pm ... TROPHIES PRESENTED AT 2:30pm

Classes

****Stock Classes - Minor Modifications Only****

- | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 - 1900-1937 (stock) | 7 - 1966-1970 (stock) | 13 - 1991-2000 (stock) | 19 - Rat Rods - Any Year |
| 2 - 1938-1949 (stock) | 8 - 1966-1970 (custom) | 14 - 1991-2000 (custom) | 20 - Best Truck - Any Year |
| 3 - 1950-1960 (stock) | 9 - 1971-1980 (stock) | 15 - 2001-current (stock) | 21 - Best Motorcycle - Any Year |
| 4 - 1950-1960 (custom) | 10 - 1971-1980 (custom) | 16 - 2001-current (custom) | |
| 5 - 1961-1965 (stock) | 11 - 1981-1990 (stock) | 17 - Street Rod - 1900-1949 | |
| 6 - 1961-1965 (custom) | 12 - 1981-1990 (custom) | 18 - Pro Street - Any Year | |

Plus! * Kids Choice
* Best of Show

Questions? Contact us at SCAAcarshow@gmail.com or visit our website at www.silvercreekathleticassociation.com

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO S.C.A.A. - PO BOX 165 - Springtown, PA 18081 - 610-346-6840

CAR Show..... Pre Register... \$ 8.00 _____
..... Day-of-Show... \$10.00 _____
• Car Registration Fee includes admission for 2 adults •

AUTO Flea Market..... Pre Register... \$10.00 _____
(15 x 15 space)
..... Day-of-Show... \$20.00 _____

NON-AUTO Flea Market... Pre Register... \$10.00 _____
(2 8x3 Tables Under Pavillion)
..... Day-of-Show... \$20.00 _____

Vendor set-up is 7am to 9am ONLY!

NO VENDOR SET-UP AFTER 9AM

TOTAL _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____ Class _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Permission for SCAA to photograph my vehicle and publish _____

April 2021

AUTOMOBILE

????? TRIVIA ?????

I suggest that you first try to answer the following questions without any help!

Then either look them up or wait for next month's THUNDERWORD for a new set of TRIVIA.

Most will be American automobiles from 1940 and up.

The layout will be: Company for example General Motors

Make for example Cadillac

Model for example Eldorado

A. Chrysler in 1942 introduced "*Thunderbird*". What was it?

B.1 Cadillac first used "*Tail Fins*" in which model year?

B.2 Which WWII aircraft influenced them?

C. What is the most popular, make "*name*" used on American automobiles?

D. Which "*manufacturer*" has both left-hand and right-hand treaded lug nuts on the same car in the 1940's?

E. What does "*CKD*" stand for?

F. The last "*year*" for the Ford's V-8 60 engine was in 19__, in what model?

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