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THE LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB

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DON'T TO FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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**THE LEHIGH
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THE LEHIGH VALLEY THUNDERBIRD CLUB

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General Meeting

January, 8 2022



Our January General Meeting will be held at America on Wheels

Upstairs in The Hub Cap Cafe

Five North Front Street

Allentown, Pa.

10:00 AM

This will be our Election Meeting the Ballot is in this issue

Coffee and Donuts will be served



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Presidents Message

Happy 2022! With the New Year ahead, I am looking forward to getting our Club revved up and out running! We finally have a place for a General Meeting in America on Wheels and for the winter months we will conduct the meeting on a Saturday, morning-ish time frame. We have a lot to discuss, so bring your ideas so we can get rolling into 2022. Carlisle events has their discounts in place until January 3rd, so if you are planning to attend a Carlisle event, go to their website and get your discount. This year, I decided to get the "event pass" since it is good for admission to all their shows. Since I like to attend Auto Mania, Spring Carlisle, Imports, Chrysler, Ford, GM and Fall Carlisle, it was definitely a little cheaper for the pass. Auto Mania at AG Hall is right around the corner. I hope you will attend with other club members and come out to Nick's Diner for breakfast. Remember parking it tight, so you may want to carpool or arrive a little early. I hope everyone had a fun, family filled Christmas/Holiday and I wish you a Happy New Year Day! Come out and participate in 2022 Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club meetings and scheduled events and share in the "Happiness of the Club"! See you at the General Meeting,

Vince

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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 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:

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Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club

Membership Application

New membership application fee **\$30.00** **Renewal** membership application **\$ 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

(Please Print Clearly)

Name : _____

Birthday : _____

Spouse : _____

Birthday : _____

Address : _____ E-Mail address : _____

City : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobil Phone : _____

Thunderbird Data : (List additional cars on a Separate Paper and attach it to application)

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

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

Year : _____ Vin : _____ License # / State _____

Current Milage : _____ Color : _____

Collector Insurance Company 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 as 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.

1925

STORY NUMBER ONE Many Years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was Capone's lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time. To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well.. Not only was the money big, but Eddie got special dividends, as well. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him. Eddie did have one soft spot, however He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example. One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name, and offer his son some resemblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he could ever pay.. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine. The poem read: "The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to tell just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour. Now is the only time you own. Live, love, toil with a will. Place no faith in time For the clock may soon be still."

STORY NUMBER TWO World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific. One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet. As he was returning to the mother ship, he saw something that turned his blood cold; a squadron of Japanese aircraft was speeding its way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault. He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible, rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action, Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Medal of Honor. A Year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His hometown would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man. So, the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial displaying his statue and his Medal of Honor. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2. SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER? Butch O'Hare was "Easy Eddie's" son. (Pretty cool, eh!)

1942



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Saturday 9AM-6PM
Sunday 9AM-5PM

TICKETS
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No on-line sales
• 12 and under are free
• FREE parking

LOCATION
Allentown Fairgrounds
302 North 17th Street
Allentown, PA 18104

AUTO MANIA
ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
Start winter with shopping Pennsylvania's largest indoor heated automotive flea market located in the 59,000 SQ FT Agri-Plex at the Allentown PA Fairgrounds. Vendors will be selling anything from vehicles, parts, memorabilia, literature, tires, new products, accessories, tools, car care products, sheet metal, services, automobiles, and more!

Come on out

You Just Might

Like It

For this event the members usually meet at

Nicks Diner

18th and Tilghman St.

8:00 am for Breakfast

Saturday January 15, 2022

The doors at the Agri-Plex open at 9am, so until we eat and drive there the line has usually gone down a bit. We normally get a good group for this so plan accordingly.

We normally have a really good time, This is being written on the 15 of December so we don't know what the rules will be for Masks by the New Year so come prepared and if this is cancelled we will let you know by e-mail or the LVTC information center (610)-218-1500 Tickets are \$10:00 at the door, Children 12 and under are free. No on-line sales

January 2022

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Dates to remember

January 8 2022 General Meeting America on Wheels LVTC Election Day

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Looking Ahead February 5, 2022 General Meeting at America on Wheels

Trivia

Automobile

- A. "Who" sang: " See the USA in your _____" ?
- B. Before Henry Ford built his first V8, what type of eight cylinder engine did he consider? _____
- C. What car had two interior door handles on the same door? _____
- D. Who built the prototype for the "Jeep" in 1940? _____
- E. Who fought over the name "Jeep"? _____ and _____
- F. What year Thunderbird did Suzanne Sommers drive in "American Graffiti"? _____. What was the color? _____
- G. On an Audi (or an Auto Union), what do the four circles represent?



1964 Ford Thunderbird



1958 FORD THUNDERBIRD

Things about 58 and 64 Ford Thunderbird

1. What was the Standard Engine in the 1964 T-Bird ?
2. what was the standard Engine in the 1958 T-Bird ?
3. What does MEL stand for?
4. Where Wire wheels available on the 1958 T-Bird in 1958?
5. What did a Landau Top cost in 1964?
6. What did a 1958 Thunderbird cost in 1958?

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What type of winter is predicted for 2021 2022?

The Northern United States is expected to be **normal-to-colder** this winter with more precipitation. This increases the chance of snowfall, but more likely towards the western half and in the Midwest, with the lesser degree in the northeastern United States.

Here's hoping that we can all get through this winter with our health and sanity in tact. This variant omicron of covid -19 I hope this is the end of the variants. I am 79 hope to make it to my 80's Lord willing , and the same to all of the club members and families

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ANSWERS

Trivia answers and information

- A. Diana Shore. She failed auditions for Benny Goodman, Jimmy & Tommy Dorsey.
- B. B. An "X-8". No known copy.
- C. C. 1966 Oldsmobile Toronado. This allowed the rear-seat passenger to open the door.
- D. D. American Bantam. No production except trailers for the military in WWII.
- E. E. Willys-Overland and Ford. Until Willys-Overland won the rights to the name, Jeep's and derivatives were called Willys or Willys-Overland.
- F. F. 1956 and White.
- G. G. Left to right: DKW, Wanderer, Horch & Audi. When August Horch was pushed out of his company, he built the Audi. Horch is hear in Germany and Audi is hear in Greek.

!958 and 1964 Ford Thunderbird specs

1. 1964 T-Bird had a 390 Cu In standard but a 428 was available
2. The 1958 had a 352 Cu. In. Stock but a 430 Cu. In. 7.0L MEL was available.
3. MEL - Mercury Edsel Lincoln
4. yes
5. \$98.00
- 6 \$3915.00

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