



THUNDERWORD

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“A change is in the air”

As we move into the Fall season, a lot will be happening within our club. Over the past several years, the club has been stuck in the past, refusing to make changes needed to stay viable to its membership. As a result, we have lost many members who were witness to some of our more established members refusing to change and causing undo aggravation for those wishing to move the club forward. It is now time for everyone to come together and move the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club forward, into the 21st Century! The Board of Directors is asking all members, past and present, to help us with this task. Your thoughts and ideas to improve the club are needed, if the club is to survive and grow.

For the latest Club Event information, visit our Website:

<https://lehighvalleythunderbirdclub.com>

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**Lehigh
Valley
Thunderbird
Club**

Officers

President

Vince Luppino 267-808-1989

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Tom Hollenbach 610-703-6315

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Position Open

Secretary

Barbara Melnyk 610-279-6279

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President's Message

Dear Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club Members,

Happy Labor Day! I hope everyone has a great Labor Day weekend and you enjoy the last days of summer as we head into the Fall season.

*Since Pre-Covid, our club has seen decreasing membership along with less membership participation in various events and car shows. The Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club Board of Directors have asked members to run for various positions for both the club officers and board members, so we can get new ideas to get more members involved. The Present Officers and Board is looking for your help to move the club into the 21st century and beyond. Many say the club members are too old, the cars are not made anymore or there is no interest in the car from young people. Well, I can tell you that is all just B*** S***! As I take my 2003 out to various shows and events, many people strike up conversations expressing their admiration of the Thunderbird and many that owned mid-sixties and later eighties or mid-nineties models express how great the cars were and they miss the vehicles. They continue with the fact they attend car shows just to see if they can see a Thunderbird. My son has a 1997 Thunderbird, takes it to shows in his local area and says the same, people always ask him about the car, reminisce about their ownership and often wish they had kept the car.*

SO, if you have received this copy of THUNDERWORD, it is because we value you and your opinion and are asking for your help. Even if you simply just "Hated" the club, we would like to know why, so we can improve things for members and future members!

Let us know by sending us an email, or giving us a call or text. Your input is important!

Sincerely,

Vince Luppino, LVTC President

E-mail: Luppinov@verizon.net

Text or Call (after 2:30 pm): 267-808-1989

SEPTEMBER 2022 GENERAL MEETING



Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 1:30 pm

Quakertown Family Restaurant

25 N West End Blvd

Quakertown, PA 18951

215-536-3446

Upcoming Shows and Events

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| September 10, 2022 @ Noon | <i>Board Meeting</i> | Quakertown Family Restaurant 25 N West End Blvd Quakertown, PA 18951 215-536-3446 |
| September 10, 2022 @ 1:30 pm | <i>General Meeting</i> | Quakertown Family Restaurant 25 N West End Blvd Quakertown, PA 18951 215-536-3446 |
| October 9, 2022 | <i>North Catasauqua Autumnfest & Car Show</i> | <i>Meeting @ City View Diner at 8:00 am for breakfast before the show</i> North Catasauqua Park 701 Grove Street North Catasauqua, Pa 18032 |
| November 5, 2022 @ 10:30 am | <i>Board Meeting</i> | America on Wheels Museum 5 North Front Street Allentown, PA 18102 610-432-4200 |
| November 5, 2022 @ Noon | <i>General Meeting</i> | America on Wheels Museum 5 North Front Street Allentown, PA 18102 610-432-4200 |
| December 3, 2022 | <i>LVTC Annual Holiday Party Time TBD</i> | Bay Pony Inn 508 Old Skippack Road Lederach, PA 19450 215-256-6565 |



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| Alan Miller 9/2 | Jane Reigel 9/18 |
| John J Mondin 9/5 | Bill Meredini 9/19 |
| Michael Albarell 9/6 | Sandri Fries 9/27 |
| Harry Miller 9/7 | Mike Melnyk 9/30 |
| Claudia Hollenbach 9/17 | |

From the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors would like to acknowledge the resignations of Sandi Fries and Walter J Fries Jr. from the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club. Both Sandi and Walt have been active members since 1977, yes, that's correct, 45 years! Walt has served many terms in various positions, the latest as Club Treasurer. Sandi also has spent countless hours working to support the Club, doing everything from embroidery , to Fall Fling Trip planning, to constructing table centerpieces and we can go on for paragraphs. All their hard work to promote the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club is greatly appreciated and we have "very large shoes" to fill with their resignations. We wish them Good Luck in their future endeavors and want them to know that while they left the Club, they are still part of our family and we are here for them!

Sandi and Walt, Thank You for all you have done for the Lehigh Valley Thunderbird Club!

We Love You!



Walt and Sandi's 1956 Thunderbird

NORTH CATASAUQUA
AUTUMNFEST & CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2022

AT NORTH CATASAUQUA PARK

701 GROVE STREET

9:00 AM- 3:30 PM

**CARS, TRUCKS,
AND MOTORCYCLES**

***1ST 50 CARS REGISTERED GET A PARTICIPATION AWARD**

(MUST BE PRESENT WITH CAR)

**AWARDS, DOOR PRIZES, DASH PLAQUES (1ST 125 CARS), FOOD, LIVE
MUSIC, CRAFT & FLEA MARKET**

TOYS FOR TOTS will be having a toy drop or you may want to
make a monetary donation to help a child this holiday season.

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Registration closes at 12:30

PRE-REGISTRATION- \$12.00 BY 10/2/22 *DAY OF SHOW \$15.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTH CATASAUQUA BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____

MAIL TO: NORTH CATASAUQUA BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

C/O MARC'S AUTO

423 ARCH STREET

NORTH CATASAUQUA, PA 18032

PHONE: 484-560-1938

SHIRT SIZE _____

***E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ (PRINT CLEARLY)**

**DUE TO POSTAGE COST WE WILL NOT BE MAILING FLYERS. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH HALL OR MARC'S AUTO OR WE WILL E-MAIL IT TO YOU.**

September General Meeting Agenda

Saturday, September 10, 2022

General Meeting Location: Quakertown Family Restaurant

General Meeting Start Time: 1:30 pm

Topics to be discussed:

- 1) Open Treasurer Position
- 2) Proposed General Meeting Changes; Day of week, time of meeting, and how often.
- 3) Proposed Board of Directors Meeting Changes; Day of Week, time of meeting and how often.
- 4) Club Communications;
 - A) Newsletter content
 - B) Message Center ; utilization and content
- 5) Membership Participation and Events:
 - A) Ford Nationals at Carlisle
 - B) Annual Nazareth Day Show
 - C) Das Awkscht Fescht
 - D) Local Car Shows and Cruise Nights
 - E) Annual Holiday Party

The above topics are the main points that will be discussed at our General Meeting. Due to a death in the Club President's family, Vince will not be at this meeting, but Vice-President Tom Hollenbach and the Board of Directors will be present to facilitate the meeting, discuss your suggestions and take notes. We hope you bring ideas to discuss to move our Club forward.

Up Coming Cruise Events

September 2022

(2022 Car Shows and Cruises are winding down)

MOPAR MADNESS

September 24th (4 to 7pm)

Emmaus Community Park - 1375 Shimerville Road, Emmaus, PA.

Found in the 60's

September 11th & September 25th (3 to 6 pm)

Allentown Fairgrounds - 17th & Chew Streets, Allentown, PA.

Wheels of Time Cruise Night

September 10th (5 to 7pm)

Macungie Memorial Park - 50 N Poplar Street, Macungie, PA.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

FOR THE

NORTH CATASAQUA AUTUMNFEST AND CAR SHOW

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